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THE NEW TORPEDO BOATS.

The board appointed to examine the plans for the construction of the thirteen torpedo boats authorized under the Act of June last, bids for which were opened Sept. 18, have been investigating the proposals all the week and will report upon their work in a few days. The officers having this matter in charge are Naval Constructor David W. Taylor, U. S. N., and Past Asst. Engr. Robert S. Griffin, U. S. N. Their duty is merely to prepare data in a convenient form for the use of the Board of Bureau Chiefs, and they will make no recommendations regarding the award.

Interest centers chiefly in the bids for the three 30-knot torpedo boats, to be built under an appropriation of \$800,000. The Union Iron Works of San Francisco, will probably secure the contract for one, their bid of \$227,500, to build a boat in accordance with Department plans being received with much favor by the examining board. The Bath (Me.) Iron Works is likely to obtain another. They have been to a very large expense in the preparation of plans, the services of the English expert, Prof. Biles, having been employed among others. A consideration that is likely to favorably impress the Board of Bureau Chiefs is their guarantee of \$5,000 to build a boat that will attain a speed of 30½ knots. Their bid was \$197,000. The Herreshoff Company, of Bristol, R. I., have furnished plans for a very efficient craft, and place their figure at \$218,000.

These companies may be regarded as most likely to receive the awards for the boats, but the plans of J. H. Dialogue, of Camden, N. J., are not likely to pass unnoticed. He proposes to construct for \$260,000, a boat modelled after the latest designs by Yarrow, who has recently launched the extraordinarily fast Russian torpedo boat Sokol. This craft combines many attractive features, and easily attains a speed of 30½ knots.

The following firms are considered as likely to receive awards for the 10, 20, 22½ and 23-knot torpedo boats to be constructed within the appropriation of \$500,000: Moran Brothers, Seattle, Wash.; Columbia Iron Works, Baltimore; Wolff & Zwicker, Portland, Ore.; Providence (R. I.) Steam Engine Co.; Cresson Ship Building Co., Elizabeth, N. J., and the Charles Hillman Ship and Engine Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Subjoined is the bidding on the 30-knot boats: Union Iron Works, \$227,500 for one 273-ton boat. Bath Iron Works, of Maine, two at \$194,000 each, the boats being of 147 tons displacement, or \$183,000 each for three. For 230-ton boats of 30 knots they offer to take two at \$235,000 each. They will guarantee 30½ knots in this case under penalty of \$10,000 per knot deficiency. Herreshoff Manufacturing Co., of Bristol, R. I., 225-ton boats, 30 knots, one for \$218,000 and three for \$206,000 each. John H. Dialogue & Son, of Camden, N. J., one 30-knot boat for \$260,000 or \$275,000, according to design, or two for \$255,000 to \$270,000.

For the smaller boats the bids ranged as follows: Columbia Iron Works, of Baltimore, 20-knot 65-ton boats, department's plans, \$49,000 each for either one or three; their own plans, \$45,000 each; 22½-knot boats, \$79,000 each, and various combinations of these figures. Moran Brothers & Co., of Seattle, Wash., 20-knot 65-ton boats, \$59,840 for one, or \$56,928 for three each, according to department's plans; for their own plans, \$58,240 for one, or \$55,328 each for three; for 22½-knot boats, \$90,216 for one and \$94,255 each for three, and various combination bids. Bath Iron Works, 22½-knot boats, their own plans for one \$85,000, for three \$80,000 each. For 25-knot boats, their own plans, for one \$131,000, for three, \$123,560 each. They offer to build the hull of Hyde bronze for an advance of from \$10,000 to \$15,000 for each boat. Herreshoff Manufacturing Co., of Bristol, R. I., 20-knot boats \$40,000, for one, or \$37,500 each for three; 22½-knot boats, one for \$84,000 and for three \$80,000 each. They offer an exact duplicate of the Cushing, 22½ knots, for \$92,500; or a general duplicate modified in details for \$82,500 for one or \$78,500 each for two. Wolff & Zwicker, of Portland, Ore., 20-knot 65-ton boats, one for \$49,500, or three for \$45,000 each; 22½-knot boats of their own planning, \$83,800 for one or \$75,100 each for three. Providence Steam Engine Co., 20-knot boats, two for \$51,600 each or three for \$48,630 each. Lewis Nixon, of Elizabeth, N. J., 20-knot boats, \$69,000 for one or two for \$68,000 each. Charles Hillman Ship and Engine Building Company, of Philadelphia, 20-knot boats, one for \$48,500 or two for \$48,000 each. Dialogue & Son, of Camden, N. J., 23-knot boats of their own design, \$120,000 for one or \$115,000 each for two; 20-knot boats, department's plans \$69,250 for one or \$68,500 each for two. George Lawley & Son, of South Boston, 22½-knot boats of 82 tons, one for \$83,500, two for \$80,000 each and three for \$78,800 each, department's plans. For their own plans, 20-knot boats of 65 tons, \$61,500 for one, \$57,625 each for two and \$56,835 for three. On different plans again they offer to build one 20-knot boat for \$61,000 and one 22½-knot boat for \$101,250, and also make various combinations of these bids. Awards must be made not later than Oct. 8.

The third general meeting of the Society of Naval Architects and Marine Engineers will take place in New York City, at 10 A. M., Thursday, Nov. 12, 1896. Through the courtesy of the president and managers of the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, the meetings will be held in the auditorium of No. 12 West Thirty-first street, the sessions continuing through Thursday and Friday, Nov. 12 and 13. There will be a banquet, of which subsequent notice will be given, Friday, Nov. 13, to which members and their guests are cordially invited. Members intending to propose candidates for membership are requested to notify the secretary in order that the necessary blank forms of application may be forwarded

and properly filled out. Mr. Francis T. Bowles, secretary-treasurer, states that papers to be read at this meeting should be forwarded to the secretary as soon as possible. The usual notice giving assignment of papers will be issued about Nov. 1.

The story published in a New York paper this week as to the outwitting of the Carnegie Steel Company by Russian spies, in the guise of supervisors of work being done for the Russian Government, at the steel works, and the consequent adoption of the Carnegie processes by Russian steel manufacturers, was not credited at Washington. Both the Naval Ordnance officials and the representatives of the Carnegie Company there say that not the least advantage could be gained by the Russians through such proceedings, as all the Carnegie processes are fully protected in Russia, and all other civilized countries.

There is nothing remarkable in the presence of an interested person at the works, observing the progress of the details of construction; and, indeed, contracts usually stipulate that some authorized person shall supervise such work. There is no secret about any of the processes, all departments of the mills and all the details of manufacture being open to the inspection of people in any way interested in their operations. It is doubtful, however, if the steel company would trouble itself to explain in any detailed and practical way the processes of converting material to the official representative of the government or corporation for whom work was going forward, and even an expert might be a witness to the operations without understanding the precise methods employed in the manufacture.

Both the Carnegie Company and the Bethlehem Iron Works have made several thousand tons of armor plates for the Russian Government, which have given perfect satisfaction to the Czar's naval constructors.

The American companies have naturally been desirous of increasing their foreign business as much as possible, and concessions have been liberally granted in all their foreign contracts, with the result of attracting more and more work from abroad each year. No anxiety is now felt with regard to the continuance of foreign patronage, and the continued manufacture of armor plates at the works near St. Petersburg, which has been going on for years, or the erection of a new steel plant at Mariopol, offers no greater element of concern or apprehension to the American manufacturers than the extension of a rival firm's business anywhere in the world. The American processes are sufficiently protected in all respects and will remain the individual property of their inventors.

An interesting statement has just been prepared in the Adjutant General's Office regarding the strength of the Army during the year ending June 30. The enlisted strength June 30, 1895, was 25,018. During the year there were gains from enlistments of 5,676; from re-enlistments, 2,960, and from captured deserters, 363; a total of 8,999. The gross loss during this time was 9,148, of which 2,235 was from expiration of service; 2,895 from discharge after three years and three months service, and 1,365 from desertions. Eighty-four fraudulent enlistments were reported, and 597 convictions by court martial, while 387 men purchased their discharge. There were 130 deaths, 416 cases of disability, and 101 retirements as veterans of ten years' service. There was a net loss for the year of 149, making the enlisted strength on the 30th of last June, 24,869. In this total, however, are included 707 men of the Hospital Corps, which is by law excluded from the reckoning of 25,000 enlisted men authorized, leaving the actual strength, 24,162. There were sixty-nine Indians belonging to the line of the Army and sixty-two Indian scouts.

The medical board of officers appointed to examine senior captains in the Medical Department of the Army for promotion, began its work on Monday. The examining board consists of Col. Charles H. Alden, Col. Wm. H. Forwood and Maj. Walter Reed. The senior captains who have appeared before the board are: Capt. Wm. B. Davis, Capt. Wm. G. Gray, Capt. Louis Biechemin, Capt. Louis A. Lagarde, Capt. Junius L. Powell, Capt. John W. Banister, and Capt. Aaron H. Appel. On Wednesday a medical board, consisting of Col. Dallas Bache, A. Coe, Wm. H. Forwood, Lieut. Col. David L. Hamilton, Maj. Walter Reed, and Capt. Charles M. Gandy, convened and organized, and on Monday will begin to examine candidates for entrance to the service in the Medical Department. There are six vacancies to be filled, and the board expects to be in session about four weeks, and will probably be able to examine twelve or fifteen candidates a week.

Maj. Robert L. Meade, in command of the Marine Barracks at the Navy Yard, Boston, recently refused to obey an order issued by Maj. George C. Reid, Adj. and Insp. of the Marine Corps, while acting as commandant of the corps in the absence of Col. Hayward. The order directed the discharge of an enlisted man under the command of Maj. Meade, who, according to the account we hear, held that, as he outranked Maj. Reid, the latter had no right to give him an order. The Navy Department considers Maj. Meade's action a serious offence, and the authorities are considering what action to take on it. The Department considers that the officer, not the enlisted man, is at fault, and it appears that Maj. Reid had been regularly designated to act as commandant and signed himself in that capacity.

In reply to the charge made by Chairman Faulkner, of the Democratic National Committee, to the effect that

documents against the free silver cause were being distributed among the employes of the Washington Navy Yard, in violation of the Civil Service law, the commandant of that yard has informed the Acting Secretary of the Navy that after a careful examination, he is satisfied that if any campaign literature has come into the yard it has been brought in surreptitiously. He states that he has learned of a distribution of documents among employes of the yard on the outside, but insists that this is a matter over which he has no control.

Assistant Controller of the Treasury Bowers has decided that in the case of sums retained from soldiers' pay under § 1281-82 Revised Statutes, interest begins to accrue at the end of the year of the soldier's enlistment, provided the soldier remains in the service six months after the end of his enlistment year. The decision is made in the case of Edward Krause, who enlisted Aug. 17, 1894, to serve three years, being assigned to Co. E, 21st Inf., as a private. He died in the service, Jan. 8, 1896. It is decided that no interest can be paid on pay retained from enlistment to Feb. 11, 1895.

The U. S. S. Marion, now at Callao, Peru, will shortly be ordered to San Salvador for surveying duty along that coast. She was en route for this service about two months ago when she was stopped at Panama and ordered to return south on account of threatening troubles in Ecuador, and because of the unhealthy condition of the country during that season of the year. She will remain in Central American waters until spring, unless her condition should make it necessary for her to be sent to Mare Island for an overhauling.

"When the Modern Woodmen team, composed of regular Army soldiers, from Fort Leavenworth, passed under the Republican Flambeau Club's big flag in the parade on September 17, in Topeka, Kans., says the "Capital," of that city, "every man, with the precision known to a well disciplined and patriotic soldier, saluted 'Old Glory' by uncovering. It was a noticeable incident, and worthy emulation by civilians who respect the symbol of the greatest nation on earth. A bystander remarked: 'The other fellows didn't know the flag was there, but a soldier always sees it.'"

Under the modification of General Orders 43, so far as it relates to movements of artillery regiments, the 5th Art., comes from the Pacific coast to relieve the 1st Art., in New York Harbor; the 1st Art., goes to the South to relieve the 3d, and the 3d goes to the Pacific coast to replace the 5th. Light Battery E, 1st Art. (Capron's) goes from Fort Sheridan to Fort Sam Houston, and Light Battery K, 1st Art. (Dillenback) from Fort Hamilton to Washington Barracks.

During the past year Paym. Gen. Stanton has succeeded in having the officers and men at the 85 posts and sub-posts and the 17 arsenals of the Army paid monthly. This is the first time in the history of the Army this has been done. The prompt payment is partly due to the reduction of the number of posts, especially obsolete ones, and to the excellent working of the pay corps.

The two Japanese Naval Constructors who have been examining plans for two new cruisers have reported favorably, we understand, upon the bids submitted by the Messrs. Cramp and the Union Iron Works. The formal award of the contracts will be made within a few weeks. The vessels will be about 5,000 tons each, and the plans will call for a speed of about twenty-two knots.

During the month of August there were 814 enlistments for general recruiting service in the Army, and seventy-six for special recruiting service, a total of 890. The enlistments in cities were 521; at military posts, 369. The desertions reported for the month were 131.

We are informed that the report of the Court of Inquiry on the caisson accident at the Brooklyn Navy Yard, fixes the responsibility upon Civil Engineer Menocel, on the ground that the orders given for removing the ballast were based upon his calculations.

An important change in the artillery transfers is noted under and among our Army orders. This modification is in accord with the views of Gen. Miles, as stated in the "Journal" two weeks ago.

An imperial order of the day has been issued in St. Petersburg placing Col. Asropoulo, Comdr. of the 35th, or Bielgorod, Regiment of Dragoons of the Emperor Francis Joseph the First, on the retired list, dismissing Lieut. Bakounine from the service, and degrading eleven other officers of the same regiment to the ranks. No reason for this step is assigned in the order, but the punishment is known to have been inflicted for scandalous conduct of Lieut. Bakounine and the other officers, who, when in a state of intoxication, insulted and then attacked an inoffensive civilian, chasing him to his house and forcibly effecting an entrance with the object of beating him.

The first experiment with the new bullet for the Lee-Metford rifle, at Dum Dum, having proved very successful, so far as any experiments can test the stopping power of a bullet, it was decided that still more extensive experiments should be carried out at the annual rifle meeting at Meerut. For this purpose not fewer than 40,000 of the new cartridges will be served out.

September 26, 1896.

WEST POINT.

Sept. 23, 1896.

Among the guests present at the officers' hop given in Schofield Hall last Wednesday evening were the following: The Misses Greene, of Philadelphia; Miss Gibson, Lieut. and Mrs. Braden, Mrs. Sedgwick Pratt, Miss Pratt, Mrs. J. D. C. Hoskins, a guest of Mrs. Ballinger; Miss Hawkins, a guest of Miss Michie; Miss Sampson, a guest of Miss Davis; Miss Salor, a guest of Mrs. Spurgin; Miss Upson, a guest of Mrs. Fieberger; the Misses Ernst, Michie and Davis. A delightful afternoon tea was given by Mrs. Traub on Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Wilder, Mrs. Pierce, the Misses Greene and Miss Battershea assisted in receiving. The Rev. Dr. Jacob Shipman, rector of Christ Church, New York, assisted his son, Rev. Herbert Shipman, at the services in the Cadet Chapel on Sunday morning and at the services in the Soldiers' Chapel on Sunday afternoon, preaching at both services. Lieut. F. W. Lewis, 22d Inf., on graduation leave, spent Sunday at the post. Lieut. Lewis will be stationed at Fort Cook, Omaha.

Col. J. W. Barlow, Engineers, Washington; Capt. Henry Birney, 5th Inf., Fort McPherson, Ga.; Capt. Rogers Birney, Ordnance, Washington; Capt. William Crozier, Ordnance, New York, and Col. H. C. Hasbrouck, 48th Art., on official duty as inspector, have been among officers recently visiting at the post. Col. and Mrs. Hasbrouck have been guests of Prof. and Mrs. Bass. The Misses Williams have been guests of Mrs. Tillman, Miss Waller has been a guest of Mrs. Lusk, Miss Battershea has been visiting Mrs. Traub.

The new detail of officers has been assigned to quarters as follows: South of Cadet Barracks—No. 2, Lieut. Williams; No. 6, Lieut. Davis, H. C.; No. 10, Lieut. Babcock; No. 14, Lieuts. Hoffer, King, Mauldin and Blakely; No. 16, Lieut. Smedberg; No. 18, Lieut. Harding; No. 22, Lieut. Joyce. South of Cadet Barracks—No. 13, Lieut. Hunter; No. 47, Lieut. Winslow; No. 51, Lieut. Thompson; No. 53, Lieut. Honey. The assignment to departments has been as follows: Philosophy, Lieuts. Davis, H. C., and Crabbs; drawing, Lieut. Babcock; mathematics, Lieuts. Blakely, Hoffer, King and Joyce; modern languages, Lieuts. Hunter, Smedberg and Williams; law and history, Lieuts. Mauldin and Honey; engineering, Lieut. Harding; ordnance and gunnery, Lieut. Thompson; assistant professor of drawing, Lieut. Hagadorn; department of modern languages, assistant professor of Spanish, Lieut. Hunter; assistant professor of French, Lieut. Traub; assistant professor of English, Lieut. Rees. Capt. Charles Wilcox, junior assistant surgeon at the post, has been ordered to Fort Myer, Va., on temporary duty. Capt. J. D. Poindexter has been ordered to temporary duty at West Point during the absence of Capt. Wilcox.

As the football season approaches interest in the game is revived. The practice games this month have been held on Wednesday and Saturday afternoons, and advantage has been taken of every spare moment in addition. Unfortunately Mr. Graves will be unable to coach the team this year. Wyckliffe, of Cornell, and Corbin, of Yale, have been mentioned as possible coaches. Messrs. King, Nolan, and Hinkley, recent graduates, and members of last year's team, have been familiar figures at the practice games. Mr. Lott is expected during the month. The following games are scheduled for the coming season: October 3, Tufts; October 10, Trinity; October 17, Princeton; October 24, Union; October 31, Yale; November 7, Wesleyan; November 14, open; November 21, Brown.

GEN. BUCKNER AND HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW.

Hartford, Sept. 21, 1896.

To the Editor of the "Army and Navy Journal":

Several errors appear in your article on Gen. Buckner, in the "Journal" of Sept. 12. He was not a brother-in-law of Maj. Kingsbury, but of his son, Lieut. Henry W. Kingsbury, 5th Art., and Colonel of the 11th Connecticut Volunteers, who was killed at the battle of Antietam. The fortune referred to was not made by the investments of "Gen. Buckner and his brother-in-law," but by those of Maj. J. J. B. Kingsbury, alone, who, when stationed at Fort Dearborn, Ill., acquired land, which afterwards became a part of the site of Chicago, and which became so valuable, that, at the time of his death, in June, 1856, he was estimated to be worth \$3,000,000. He left a son and a daughter, who married Gen. Buckner, who had been a Lieutenant in Capt. J. J. B. Kingsbury's regiment, the 2d Inf., before the promotion of the latter to be Major of the 6th Inf., May, 1849, from which he was dismissed Jan. 27, 1853, for absence without leave, and neglecting to obey the order of Gen. Scott, to proceed up the Missouri River and join his regiment before the close of navigation.

When the war broke out in 1861, Mrs. Buckner transferred all her property to her brother, Col. Henry W. Kingsbury, who married a daughter of Gen. J. P. Taylor, Comm'y. Gen., U. S. A., who bore a son, Henry W., in December, 1862, three months after the death of her husband, at Antietam. She subsequently married Gen. Gallatin Lawrence. At the close of the war, Mrs. Buckner took steps to recover her share of the fortune, which had been transferred to her brother.

You state that when the children of Gen. Buckner's brother-in-law reached their majority, they turned the property over. Now, there was only one child, and he did not reach his majority until December, 1883. Judge Corydon Beckwith, of Chicago, "as next friend of the infant," Ambrose E. Burnside, executor, and Jane C. Kingsbury, opposed the return of the property, and it was in the course of litigation for several years, being twice carried up to the Supreme Court, but it was finally decided in favor of the Buckners, in 1873, and a division of the property was made. But further litigation ensued, which did not cease until 1878, when Judge Blodgett, of the U. S. Circuit Court, gave a final judgment. Mrs. Buckner had previously died, having willed the property to her husband, to whom it was made over, and he subsequently married again.

By reference to the Washington correspondence of the "Army and Navy Journal," dated Aug. 27, 1878, you will find much that is interesting in connection with the Kingsburys and Lawrences.

E. D. JUDD.

We published the statement concerning Gen. Buckner as it appeared in the daily papers, and are much obliged to Col. Judd for this correction. Following is an extract from the article referred to in the "Journal" of Aug. 31, 1878, not Aug. 27, as there was no such date:

"Mrs. Lawrence is the daughter of the late Gen. J. P. Taylor, Comm'y. Gen. of Subsistence, and the niece of 'Old Zack.' Eva Taylor was a bewitching little coquette of seventeen in 1861, when the graduating class came on here from West Point to drill and 'set up' the volunteers. Of this class was Lieut. Henry W. Kingsbury, one of the most promising young officers in the Army. He wooed and won the pretty blonde, and in a few months

they were married. In '61 or early in '62 Kingsbury was appointed Colonel of a Connecticut regiment, and at Antietam he fell mortally wounded. A few weeks after his death a son was born, who is now a fine young fellow of sixteen. But here we must digress a little from our subject to speak of the father of Col. Henry Kingsbury. He was one of the drollest creatures that ever lived, in our Army or any other Army. Julius J. B. Kingsbury graduated at West Point in 1823, and he was assigned to the 2d Inf. He was one of the most genial, kind-hearted fellows in the world. He was fond of young company—perfectly heedless, a perfect procrastinator—never doing anything to-day which could possibly be put off until to-morrow. Some time about the time of the Black Hawk war, he loaned a man a few hundred dollars, for which he received as security a mortgage on a lot of ground where the city of Chicago now stands. The mortgage was not paid, and Kingsbury came into possession of the ground which in a few years became immensely valuable. He was frequently importuned to sell the land for some fabulous price, and at one time he agreed to sell and to sign all the papers making the transfer. But when the papers were brought to him he said: 'Very well, I'll attend to it to-morrow.' In vain was he urged to sign them, and to-morrow never came, and as the papers were never signed the property was kept until his death, which occurred in this city in 1856.

"Innumerable stories are told of the eccentricities of 'Old Julius,' but no one who ever saw the man can have any idea of his perfect oddity."

"He was frequently ordered to join his regiment by orders from the War Department, and he was always going to start to-morrow, but he could never make up his mind to go, and after many months' absence he was finally dropped from the rolls of the Army. It is doubtful whether he ever, up to the time of his death, knew or cared whether he had been dropped. His property in Chicago had become immensely valuable, and it is presumed that his agent was as liberal with him as were the staff officers of a former President, who in distributing the Federal offices freely would occasionally see that some one whom the President appeared to favor was appointed; 'for,' said one of these officers, 'we must give the old man something occasionally.' Maj. Kingsbury had several children, two of whom survived him. A daughter married Gen. Simon B. Buckner and she and Col. Kingsbury were the heirs to the estate of their father. When Gen. Buckner joined his fortunes to the South during the Civil War the share of the property inherited by Mrs. Buckner was willed to her brother, with the tacit agreement that she was to receive it again after the 'unpleasantness' was over. By the will of the Colonel she was to receive it back, but, unfortunately, the will was not properly witnessed, and as it could not stand in law, his estate was administered upon in the usual way. Col. Henry Kingsbury was the very opposite of his father. He was industrious, punctual, and most zealous in the discharge of every duty. He graduated among the first five of his class, and he was one of those whom the gods love, for he died young and gloriously. The young widow was inconsolable for some weeks, at least, but full of youth and a desire for admiration. With a sprightliness of manner, and with her fascinating ways, she soon became the center of attraction at West Point, where she went to spend her summers. In the summer of 1864 she had the first class in a state of frenzy. She parted the best friends and she had them all by the ears generally. But a year or so after she threw them all aside to marry Gallatin Lawrence, who had been a gallant officer of the volunteer service and who had lost an arm at Fort Fisher. Lawrence, who had the brevet of Brigadier General in the volunteers, was a man of chivalrous nature, and he was connected with one of the first families in the country. But he was reckless, inclined to fast life, and no amount of money would suffice to gratify the wants of two such extravagant persons as the 'General' and Mrs. Lawrence. The Chicago property did not yield anything like the amount necessary for them. They quarreled with the agent, and finally with Mr. Latrobe, of Baltimore, who had agreed with Gen. Burnside, who was one of the executors of the estate, to do what he could to bring things into some shape. In the meantime suit was commenced against the Lawrences for Mrs. Buckner's share of the estate, and after some time it was decided in her favor, and this decision made it necessary for the Lawrences to refund a large amount which had been received by them, and which had been spent in 'riotous living.'"

FORT LEAVENWORTH.

The practice march of the troops at Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley was expected to commence Sept. 23. The column will consist of Troops B, C, F and K, 6th Cav., and Cos. A, B, C, E and G, 20th Inf. Lieut. Col. Lloyd Wheaton, 20th Inf., will command the column; Maj. McCaskey, same regiment, the infantry battalion, and Capt. Kerr, 6th Cav., the mounted squadron. The command is provisioned to Oct. 5, inclusive, on which date it is expected to reach Fort Riley, after camping four or five days at Topeka.

The "New York Tribune" tells this story of Admiral Joutet. The Admiral makes his home in Sandy Springs, Montgomery County, Md., where he lives the life of a country squire, and hunts foxes with a devotion to the sport equal to that of his English prototypes of the last century. The roads in this neighborhood are no better than the majority of the roads south of Mason and Dixon's line. On last election day, owing to heavy rains, the way from Admiral Joutet's home to the polls, some miles distant, was almost impassable, so that many lukewarm partisans remained at home. Not so with the doughty Admiral, who was in no way deterred by the rough roads before him. He started out early, in a buggy, rather than on horseback, for the accommodation of his son, James, Jr., who was also entitled to vote. The ride to the polls was bad enough. The mud came up to the very hubs, and the great stones which they occasionally struck against almost overturned the vehicle. But the Admiral was consoled by the patriotic intention, and an occasional picturesque expletive was the only protest he made.

Going home was a different matter. Night had begun to fall, a thick, heavy rain set in, and the buggy sank down into the sea of mud at every turn of the wheel. Finally the carriage began to give way, and Admiral Joutet, who is more at home on the quarter deck in a storm than in a buggy on a rough and muddy country road, and his son were compelled to get out every now and then to fasten a strap, tighten a nut or tie up a shaft. "Well," said the Admiral, "thank heaven, that's over. We've had a hard pull of it, but it is the duty of every citizen of the United States to vote." Then an idea seemed to strike him. "Say, Jim," said he to his son, "I voted the straight Republican ticket, as usual. How did you vote?"

"I voted the straight Democratic," replied Jim. "Phew!" exclaimed the patriotic Admiral, contemplating his battered buggy and his worn-out horse. "If I had only known your intention this morning before we started, we might have stayed home and paired!"

G. O. 41, issued from Army Headquarters this week, prescribes the methods of conducting the technical instruction of artillery troops, target practice with heavy artillery and artillery competition. The order provides that practice will be exclusively by battery, and that not more than two kinds of guns will be used in any one season. Three grades of artillery competition are prescribed, the battery competition for gunners and gunners' specialists, regimental competition, and the general artillery competition. The battery competition will take place at the posts where the respective batteries may be serving, or at such place as Department Commanders may designate. It will be separate for each man, and limited to enlisted men. The competitions will take place as soon as practicable after the terminating of the annual instruction season. In each regiment they will be conducted by a board of three officers appointed by the Regimental Commander, which will arrange the classification of the competitors at the close of the competition. No regimental competitions will be held until facilities for instruction and practice are equal for at least eight of the heavy batteries of the regiment, and each battery is able to select from its qualified gunners a gun detachment of fourteen men, of whom twelve shall be privates. These conditions complied with, a Commanding General will order a competition among the several batteries. The general artillery competition will be held at such time and place as Commanding General may designate. The competitors will be the detachments including Lieutenants in command, which shall have been declared the winners in the respective regimental competition. Badges and insignia will be provided for the competitors. The first class gunners' insignia will be a piece of scarlet cloth kiped and stitched on outside of right sleeve, between the shoulder and elbow, the shape of the insignia to be that of an elongated cannon projectile one inch and a half long and three-quarters of an inch wide, point up. The badge for gunners specialists of approved design, and in three forms, will be furnished as soon as prepared. Owing to the delay in getting out the new order instructions and practice during the present year will be conducted under instructions heretofore in force.

PERSONAL.

Lieut. W. H. Baldwin, 7th Cav., U. S. A., is on leave. Ensign A. L. Norton, U. S. N., stationed at the Naval Academy, is on leave.

Capt. N. S. Jarvis, U. S. A., Assistant Surgeon at Willets Point, is on leave.

2d Lieut. William Chamberlain, 1st Art., is on leave from Fort Monroe till Oct. 30.

Capt. R. H. Pratt, 10th Cav., U. S. A., has been in Washington this week on Indian duty.

Lieut. J. S. Oyster, 1st Art., on sick leave, is a recent guest at the Murray Hill Hotel, New York.

1st Lieut. W. A. Mercer, 8th Inf., has been in Washington on official duty in the Indian service.

Capt. Wm. Bainbridge Hoff, U. S. N., commanding the Lancaster, is in Washington awaiting orders.

Capt. P. R. Egan, Asst. Surg., U. S. A., arrived at Fort Hamilton from Fort Assiniboine, Mont., on Sept. 22.

Comdr. S. M. Ackley, U. S. N., Light House Inspector, on leave of absence, was in Washington this week.

Lieut. F. A. Lawton, 21st Inf., now visiting in St. Paul, is expected to rejoin at Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y., early in October.

1st Lieut. W. A. Holbrook, 7th Cav., is at the Soldiers' Home, Washington, D. C., on leave from the Military Academy till Oct. 1.

Lieut. C. De W. Wilcox, 2d U. S. Art., a recent arrival at Fort Adams, R. I., has taken charge of signal and telegraphic matters at that post.

Maj. J. V. Lauderdale, Surg., U. S. A., who will be retired for age Nov. 13 next, will relinquish active duty in a few days and go from Fort Crook to his home.

Miss Nina Rodenbough, daughter of Gen. T. F. Rodenbough, U. S. A., will be married Oct. 8, at Christ Church, N. Y. City, to Earl Sprague Bullock, M. D.

It is said that Cadet Jesse L. Nichols, of the second class at the Military Academy, has been tried by court martial, but the result of the trial is not yet made public.

Capt. Frederic von Schrader, A. Q. M., U. S. A., and Mrs. von Schrader, returned last week to Louisville, Ky., after a pleasant month's leave in Chicago, and Macatawa, Mich.

Late arrivals of Army officers in New York are: Lieut. J. M. Caff, Sturtevant House; Capt. M. C. Foote, Capt. I. MacNutt, Grand Hotel; Lieut. F. H. Whitman, Murray Hill.

Ensign Cleland Davis, U. S. N., has been detached from duty at Bethlehem Iron Works and ordered to duty at Carnegie Works temporarily and then to Bureau of Ordnance, Navy Department.

An important general court martial with Col. Simon Snyder, 19th Inf., as President, and Lieut. Col. J. W. Cloy, of Maj. Gen. Merritt's staff, as Judge Advocate, is to meet at Fort Wayne on Oct. 5.

Rear Adm. J. M. B. Clitz, U. S. N., retired, who has been suffering from a mental trouble for some time past, will shortly be sent to St. Elizabeth's Hospital, in Washington. Adm. Clitz is now residing in Brooklyn.

Chaplain J. J. Kane, U. S. N., on sick leave in Europe, and recently under the Medical treatment of Sir William Broadbent, Physician to the Queen and the Royal family of England, has so far recovered that he will be able to return home, and sails on Sept. 26, in the Cunard liner Campania for New York. This trip will complete the Chaplain's twenty-fourth voyage across the Atlantic.

Navy Officers lately registering in New York City are: P. A. Engr. F. H. Eldredge, Murray Hill; Lieut. Comdr. B. F. Tilley, Colonade; Rear Adm. R. W. Meade, Ensign W. R. Shoemaker, Park Avenue; Rear Adm. R. N. Stembel, Fifth Avenue; P. A. Surg. G. H. Barber, Lieut. C. G. Long, Astor House; Lieut. W. H. Driggs, Hoffman House; Chief Engr. W. H. Harris, Grand Hotel; Lieut. J. A. Hoogewerf, Naval Cadets K. G. Castleman, and C. E. Gilpin, Holland House; Naval Cadet G. L. Poor, Sturtevant House; Rear Adm. George Brown, Grand Hotel.

The following officers of the Army and Navy were among the guests at the Ebbitt House, Washington, D. C., during the past week: Lieut. Douglas Settle, U. S. A.; Ensign Henry H. Hough, U. S. N.; Asst. Surg. J. L. Powell, U. S. A.; Asst. Surg. J. M. Banister, U. S. A.; Asst. Surg. L. Brechemin, U. S. A.; Asst. Surg. Wm. B. Davis, U. S. A.; Lieut. W. A. Mercer, U. S. A.; Asst. Surg. W. H. Arnold, U. S. A.; Paymr. D. A. Smith, U. S. N.; Lieut. G. N. Whistler, U. S. A.; Asst. Surg. Dallas Bache, U. S. A.; Paymr. C. W. Littlefield, U. S. N.; Asst. Surg. W. W. Gray, U. S. A.,

Gen. John Brooke, U. S. A., left St. Paul Sept. 15, for the East, to spend a month on leave.

Maj. Wirt Davis, 5th Cav., on leave from Fort McIntosh, Tex., is visiting in the North.

Lieut. Montgomery D. Parker, 9th Cav., has returned to Cincinnati from a short trip to St. Louis.

Lieut. Col. J. H. Patterson, 22d Inf., now on leave, will rejoin at Fort Crook, Neb., early in October.

Capt. C. W. Hotsenpiller, U. S. A., of Magnetic Springs, O., reached his 60th birthday on Sept. 23.

The latest address of Gen. A. McD. McCook, U. S. A., is care S. Crivelli & Co., Lucerne, Switzerland.

Lieut. A. P. Niblack, U. S. N., entered Sept. 19 upon his duties as Naval Attaché to our Embassy at Berlin.

Capt. Michael Leahy, U. S. A., a permanent resident at Cohocton, N. Y., reached his 65th birthday on Sept. 22.

Col. Theodore Yates, U. S. A., pleasantly located at Wauwatosa, Wis., reached his 64th birthday on Sept. 25th.

Capt. George P. Scriven, Signal Corps, U. S. A., lately home from Italy, will prolong his stay for several weeks to come.

Asst. Surg. Robert S. Woodson, U. S. A., arrived at Jackson Barracks, New Orleans, Sept. 16, from Fort McIntosh, Tex.

Capt. E. Van A. Andruss, 1st U. S. Art., has rejoined at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., from a short visit to friends at South Lee, Mass.

Maj. John L. Tiernon, 1st Art., continues at present under his recent promotion on duty at the Artillery School, Fort Monroe.

Gen. Horatio C. King contributes to Frank Leslie's "Popular Monthly" for October an interesting article, entitled "Gen. Lee's Last Campaign."

Asst. Surgeon H. C. Fisher, U. S. A., of Plattsburg Barracks, has joined the cavalry troops from Fort Ethan Allen on their present practice march.

Maj. J. R. Myrick, 3d Art., now at Key West Barracks, will under recent orders for changes of stations of troops, go to Fort Canby, Wash.

Joanna R. Nicholls contributes an article on "The United States Revenue Cutter Service" to "Frank Leslie's Popular Monthly" for October.

Capt. Robert H. Patterson, 1st Art., with Batteries G, I, and L, of his regiment, went into camp at Sandy Hook Sept. 21, for a short season of artillery practice.

Capt. Harry R. Anderson with Light Battery B, 4th Art., rejoined at Fort Adams, R. I., Sept. 17, from a pleasant practice march to Cape Cod Peninsula.

Lieut. A. L. Dade, 3d Cav., is commanding Fort Ethan Allen, Va., during the absence of Maj. L. T. Morris, and Troops C, E, and G, 3d Cav., on a practice march.

A French doctor is said to have discovered a means of injecting courage into men by means of a syringe. The material he uses is a mixture of sea water and phenic acid.

Capt. J. L. Powell, Asst. Surg. U. S. A., arrived in Washington, D. C., this week from New Orleans, to be examined for promotion before going to Fort Riley for duty.

Capt. J. W. Martin, who was retired from the 4th Cav. in 1891, for disability incurred in the line of duty, and is now residing at Genesee, N. Y., reached his 46th birthday on Sept. 24.

Col. John R. Lewis, U. S. A., who lost his left arm in battle and holds three brevets for gallantry, reached his 62d birthday on Sept. 22. He resides at 531 West Ferry street, Buffalo, N. Y.

Fort Rileyans are rejoiced that about \$75,000 is to be spent on the post for additions, improvements, etc., during the fiscal year 1896-97. The post affords a splendid maneuvering ground for mounted troops.

Capt. Charles G. Ayres, 10th Cav., started on the march with his Troop G this week from Fort Custer to Fort Assiniboine, there to take station, being replaced at Fort Custer by Capt. C. L. Cooper's Troop A.

Maj. W. L. Haskin, 1st Art., rejoined at Fort Slocum, N. Y., early in the week from the supervision at Fort Hancock, Sandy Hook, of some excellent target practice by Batteries B, C, D, and M, of his regiment.

Lieut. H. D. Styer, 13th Inf., who has just relinquished college duty at Logan, Utah, will prolong his stay in the West for several weeks yet, and join at Fort Niagara, N. Y., probably by the middle of November.

That even piety can sometimes lead to trouble is evidenced by the fact that a private of that surname has recently dropped \$40 and been relegated to confinement at hard labor for four months for conduct prejudicial, etc.

Capt. W. A. Shunk, 8th Cav., expects to leave Fort Yates with his troop on Friday of this week to march to Fort Keogh, for new station. The only cavalry troop left at Yates now is Capt. J. B. Hickey's Troop C, 8th Regt.

Gen. Horace Porter, who has been a vice-president of Pullman's Palace Car Company for nearly twenty years, has resigned in order to accept the chairmanship of the St. Louis and San Francisco Railroad Company.

Capt. J. W. Dillenback, 1st Art., with his Light Battery, broke camp at Palenville, in the Catskills, N. Y., Sept. 19, and started on the return march to Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., where the battery is expected to arrive Sept. 26.

A Fort Slocum correspondent writes: "The days when Irish and German names at roll call predominated seem to be over. Now men are enlisting with such Christian names as Lyceus, with surnames to suit. Tempora mutantur."

Col. Francis L. Guenther, 4th Art., arrived in New York City this week from the Pacific coast and is visiting at 5 East 124th street. He is due, from leave, at Washington Barracks, about the middle of October, but may join sooner.

Asst. Surg. Gen. C. H. Alden, U. S. A., is now located at 1740 R street, N. W., Washington, D. C. Gen. Alden first entered the service as an Asst. Surg. June 23, 1860, and for faithful and meritorious service during the war was made a Brevet Major and Brevet Lieut. Col. March 13, 1865.

The 119th anniversary of the massacre of Gen. Anthony Wayne's troops by the British during the Revolutionary War was celebrated Sept. 19, at the scene of the battle at Paoli, Pa. The date of the massacre was Sept. 20, 1777, and the anniversary falling on Sunday, the principal exercises were held the day before.

Capt. R. K. Evans, 12th U. S. Inf., and Mrs. Evans, about to leave Berlin, Germany, for home, were given a farewell dinner Sept. 17 by U. S. Ambassador Uhl. Twenty guests were present, including the staff of the Embassy, and Mrs. Lawrence Maxwell, Mr. and Mrs. Ullman, Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wiley, and Mr. S. M. Moore, all of Chicago. The military attachés to the various embassies afterward gave a farewell banquet to Capt. Evans at the Guards Club.

Gen. B. C. Card, U. S. A., has been spending a few days at Newport, R. I.

Chief Ensign J. J. Lawrence, U. S. N., stationed at Newport News, Va., is on leave.

Asst. Engr. J. R. Morris, U. S. N., at New York Navy Yard, was in Washington this week.

Lieut. J. M. Arrasmith, 2d Inf., and Mrs. Arrasmith are recent arrivals at Fort Harrison, Mont.

Lieut. J. A. Cole, 6th Cav., visiting at Castile, N. Y., will join at Fort Leavenworth early in November.

Capt. A. E. Woodson, 5th Cav., Indian Agent at Darlington, Oklahoma, is a recent visitor at Fort Riley.

Lieut. S. M. Kochersperger, 2d U. S. Cav., is a recent visitor at Fort Riley, en route from Philadelphia to Fort Wingate.

Maj. H. H. Humphreys, 12th Inf., lately on leave at Highwood, Ill., has joined with his family at Fort Niobrara, Neb.

Lieut. F. W. Coe, 1st U. S. Art., now on leave at Norfolk, Va., will not join at Fort Slocum, N. Y. H., until early in November.

Lieut. L. G. Berry, 4th Art., now visiting at West Chazy, N. Y., will join at Fort McHenry, Md., on the expiration of his leave.

Maj. J. P. Kimball, Surg. U. S. A., who has closed up his affairs at Fort Wingate, is expected in New York about the middle of October.

Lieut. Chas. G. Treat, 5th Art., and family are now comfortably settled at Fort Riley, Kas., and enjoy the change from the Pacific coast.

The address of Col. W. B. Lane, U. S. A., and Mrs. Lane, until the end of October, will be care Capt. Guilfoyle, U. S. A., 1,637, Lincoln, Neb.

Col. Robert P. Hughes, Insp. Gen. U. S. A., has returned from abroad after a very pleasant trip and visited friends at Governors Island Sept. 21.

Capt. F. H. French, 19th Inf., on leave for six months since June 25 last, is still abroad, with address care Thos. Cook & Son, Ludgate Circus, London, England.

Maj. Lemuel A. Abbott, U. S. A., who has been spending the summer at Williamstown, Vt., has returned to Washington, D. C., where he is located at the Clarendon.

Lieut. W. S. Guingard, 4th Art., now at Still Hopes, Columbia, S. C., will join at Washington Barracks, D. C., in a few days instead of at Fort McHenry, as originally ordered.

Gen. Guy V. Henry, U. S. A., has joined at Jefferson Barracks from leave, and it was expected the troops there would start out under his command this week on an extended practice march.

Lieut. L. W. V. Kennon, 6th Inf., on duty for a long time past with the Intercontinental Railway Commission, will spend until Jan. 31 next on leave and then join his regiment at Fort Thomas, Ky.

Capt. John Pitcher, 1st Cav., with Troop I, left Fort Bayard, N. M., Sept. 18, to assist in the capture of the gang of border bandits which recently made the attack on the Mexican Custom House at Las Polomas.

Lieut. C. E. Lang, 2d Art., having received an extension of his sick leave for six months, the daily press is reviewing the silly stories that he and his wife are ostracized by officers of his regiment, long since refuted. He is residing at Glenham, N. Y.

Col. Thos. F. Barr, Asst. Judge Adv. Gen. U. S. A., on leave for some time past, came to New York and visited at Governors Island early in the week on his way to Fort Leavenworth to visit his daughter, Mrs. Tompkins, wife of Lieut. Frank Tompkins, 7th Cav.

Lieut. J. M. Califf, 3d Art., recently at Fort Monroe undergoing examination for promotion and now on a short leave, visited in New York and at Governors Island this week before returning to Fort Barrancas, which post he will soon have to leave for the Pacific coast.

Lieut. and Mrs. Wilkins, 2d Inf., have gone to Des Moines and will not join the regiment in Montana until January, when they will be accompanied by Capt. and Mrs. Ulio, who have been occupying their old quarters at Fort Omaha ever since the Captain's retirement.—Excelsior.

Lieut. Houston Valle Evans, 14th U. S. Inf., a graduate of this year, was married Sept. 16 at Fayette, Md., to Miss Hettie Bryan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. A. Bryan, of that city. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. T. E. Sharp, at Centenary Chapel. After the ceremony the wedded couple left en route to Vancouver Barracks.

The following naval officers registered at the Mansion House, Brooklyn, during past week: Capt. M. S. Johnson, Capt. F. C. Cook, Lieut. C. A. Gove, Drs. H. H. Hill and F. A. Cook, Chaplain H. H. Clark. Other guests were Miss Evans, daughter of Capt. Evans; Mrs. H. H. Clark, Mrs. C. A. Gove, Mrs. F. C. Cook, Mrs. A. D. Hill.

Recently we referred with pleasure to the promotion of Capt. O. E. Wood, 5th U. S. Art., after twenty-nine years and three months' service as a Lieutenant, in addition to his volunteer service in 1862-63 before going to West Point. A further glance at the register seems to indicate that Capt. Wood, of the artillery, has had longer service than any Captain of cavalry in the Army.

The death of Col. W. B. Hughes, A. Q. M. Gen., promotes Lieut. Col. A. G. Robinson to Colonel and A. Q. M. Gen. Maj. L. C. Forsyth to Lieut. Colonel and D. Q. M. Gen. Capt. Chas. H. Ingalls to Major and Quartermaster. The early retirement of Maj. Ingalls after his promotion will then promote Capt. W. S. Patten and thus leave three vacancies for Captain and Assistant Quartermaster, one caused by the recent death of Capt. Hoyt.

Army officers lately visiting in New York City are Capt. W. H. Bowen, Capt. W. H. H. Crowell, Col. David Perry, Maj. J. P. Sanger, Lieut. C. P. Echols, Lieut. M. C. Butler, Lieut. W. A. Holbrook, Grand Hotel; Gen. S. B. Holabird, Col. T. A. Dodge, Holland House; Col. J. M. Wilson, Westminster; Capt. S. E. Blunt, Hotel Imperial; Chaplain C. W. Freeland, Lieut. F. G. Smith, Lieut. O. W. Bell, Murray Hill; Lieut. W. Chamberlain, Col. J. H. Patterson, Park Avenue; Gen. J. G. Parke, Albemarle.

Fort Leavenworth is additionally lively this week by the presence of so many officers being examined for promotion. These include Lieut. Henry J. Goldman, 5th Cav.; Stephen O'Connor, 23d Inf.; Abner Pickering, 2d Inf.; Eaton A. Edwards, 25th Inf.; Edgar Hubert, 8th Inf.; Richmond McA. Schofield, 4th Cav.; Charles D. Rhodes, 6th Cav.; Winthrop S. Wood, 10th Cav.; George T. Langhorne, 3d Cav.; Alfred C. Merillat, 8th Cav.; Francis C. Marshall, 8th Cav.; William S. Graves, 7th Inf.; Frank D. Webster, 6th Inf.; Joseph D. Leitch, 24th Inf.; Samuel Burkhardt, Jr., 25th Inf.; James E. Normoyle, 23d Inf.; Robert Alexander, 7th Inf.; Frederick S. Wild, 17th Inf.; William O. Johnson, 19th Inf.; James R. Lindsay, 14th Inf.; Hiram McL. Powell, 2d Inf.; Ulysses G. Kemp, 8th Cav.; Charles Young, 9th Cav., and Robert B. Wallace, 2d Cav.

Lieut. Sedgwick Rice, 7th U. S. Cav., and bride were expected to join at Fort Grant, Arizona, this week.

Lieut. E. M. Lewis, 20th Inf., recently relieved from college duty at Greencastle, Ind., has joined his regiment at Fort Leavenworth.

Commo. John A. Howell, U. S. N., is spending a short vacation at Atlantic City, N. J., with headquarters at the Metropolitan Hotel.

Chaplain M. F. Barry, U. S. A., has returned to Fort Riley from Kansas City, where he attended the annual Episcopal Diocesan Convention.

Mrs. Southerland, wife of Lieut. Southerland, of the Dolphin, returned to her home in Washington this week after spending the summer in Kentucky.

Lieut. H. L. Hawthorne, 1st Art., bade good-bye to friends at Fort Hamilton, N. Y. H., this week and is due for duty with Light Battery E, at Fort Sheridan about Oct. 1.

Lieut. D. E. Aultman, 2d Art., bade good-bye to friends at Fort Adams this week and after a visit to friends at Pittsburgh, Pa., will join at Fort Riley about Oct. 10.

Lieut. A. Cronkhite, 4th Art., of Fort McHenry, Md., has taken temporary charge of the Quartermaster's Department at Baltimore, owing to the death of Col. W. B. Hughes, A. Q. M. G.

Gen. John R. Brooke and Gen. George D. Ruggles, Adj. Gen. of the Army, visited Fort Ethan Allen, Vt., Sept. 17, and were hospitably entertained, afterwards returning to Burlington.

Capt. Ezra Bond Fuller, 7th U. S. Cav., is a candidate for membership in the Kansas Commandery of the Loyal Legion. He is at present on duty at Clemson College, South Carolina.

Lieut. Frank Homer Whitman, 2d U. S. Inf., was married Sept. 21 at Orr's Mills, N. Y., to Miss Florence Orr, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Orr. After a short bridal tour the married couple will join at Fort Keogh.

Maj. J. H. Calef, 1st Art., now at Fort Trumbull, Conn., is expected at Fort Slocum, N. Y. H., to take command of that post early next week. His many friends in New York and vicinity will be glad to have him near them once more.

Passed Asst. Engr. P. B. Higgins, U. S. N., attached to the battleship Texas, left Newport, R. I., Sept. 17, for Portsmouth, N. H., where he will wed Miss Alice Preston Johnson, daughter of Capt. and Mrs. Montgomery Lawrence Johnson, on Thursday evening, Oct. 1. Capt. Johnson is at present commanding the U. S. S. Cincinnati.

Under recent orders, Capt. Frank C. Grugan, with his battery changes base from Fort Schuyler, N. Y., to Fort Trumbull, Conn. Capt. E. S. Curtis' battery at the latter post taking station at Fort Schuyler. Under this change the commissioned force at Fort Trumbull will consist of Capt. F. C. Grugan and Lieuts. Medore Crawford, Jr., and Victor H. Bridgman, 2d Art., with Capt. H. B. Birmingham as Post Surgeon.

A good many friends of Lieut. Col. John H. Patterson, 22d Inf., who have had occasion to meet this veteran soldier recently, have been saying that he looks younger than ever, with a voice as fresh as in the days when he commanded Co. A, 20th Inf. The secret is out. The semi-official announcement is made of his engagement to Miss Neide, daughter of Maj. Horace Neide, retired, U. S. A., now a resident of Philadelphia.—"K. C. Times."

Maj. J. Van R. Hoff, Surg. U. S. A., now on an official tour with Maj. Gen. Miles, will soon after his return bid farewell to Governors Island and New York and be taken himself to Vancouver Barracks. Maj. Hoff, since his arrival for duty at Governors Island in October, 1892, has made a large circle of friends, and his deep interest and activity in everything pertaining to the medical profession has made him extremely popular, especially in National Guard circles. The social circle at Governors Island will also miss him and Mrs. Hoff. He will be succeeded there by Maj. James B. Kimball, who, if we recollect aright, was on duty at Fort Columbus some eighteen years ago and was relieved in 1879.

An illustrated lecture, entitled "Evening with Thomas Moore," for the benefit of the New York Roman Catholic Mission for Sailors, was delivered at the Grand Central Palace, by the Very Rev. Dr. Considine, on Sunday night last. Moore's Melodies were rendered by the best professional talent, and the views were given by Mr. Allister. The mission is in charge of the Rev. W. H. L. Reaney, Chaplain, U. S. N., and is doing a much needed work in affording to sailors an attractive home, where they are ever welcome, during their time on shore, and where they are made to feel themselves a part of the community. The large audience that greeted the lecturer promised well for the future of the mission and should be an encouragement to Father Reaney in the admirable work which he has undertaken with so much zeal and earnestness.

Mrs. Capt. J. J. O'Connell, on Sept. 12, entertained the members of the Pacific Coast Ladies' Press Association and their friends at her home at Angel Island. "Like all of Mrs. O'Connell's events," says the "News Letter," "this one was characteristic of the charming hospitality and brilliance of the hostess. Through the courtesy of Col. Shafter, the General McDowell was at the disposal of the guests, and on arriving at the island they were met by Mrs. O'Connell and her daughter, Miss Lillian, who, with the assistance of the Army ladies, planned a most enjoyable day. During the afternoon several numbers were requested—recitations by Mrs. Blue, wife of Surg. Blue; Miss Marion Powell, and Alice Kingsbury-Cooley; duet, by Mrs. John Knell and Mr. Alfred Wilkie, and the song, "Sweetheart of Mine," by Ella M. Sexton, and put to music by Alma A. Crowley, which was sung, for the first time, at the convention by Mr. Alfred Wilkie."

Capt. George S. Anderson, 6th Cav., concluded his recent interesting report on the Yellowstone National Park by saying: "As it is not probable that I shall remain here long enough to receive benefit from next year's appropriation, I do not consider it indelicate to recommend that an extra allowance be made to the superintendent of the park. This principle was recognized many years ago in the extra rations given to post commanders, and especially at certain posts where the burden of entertaining was great. More recently has it been recognized by extra rank, pay or allowances given to certain officers stationed at West Point, the Military Prison and at the Carlisle Indian School. Last year the Adjutant General of the Army made such a recommendation in his annual report, but no further notice was taken of it. The superintendent here has letters of introduction sent him by the hundreds, and the smallest measure of hospitality requires the expenditure of his entire pay in very meagre entertaining. There is no station in the Army where so much is expected of an officer, and I trust you will call attention to the necessity for some relief." This is fair and reasonable, and we trust the recommendation may be carried into practical effect.

THE TURAL LURALS OF 1862.

To the Editor of the "Army and Navy Journal":
The officers of the 18th U. S. Inf., in the spring of 1862 while in camp before Corinth, Miss., organized a society known as the "Tural Lural." Eligibility consisted in the ability of the applicant after an evening's session at the Sutler's tent to pronounce in a distinct and intelligible tone of voice the following sentence: "The prospect is truly rural." The first three words could as a rule be gotten over without accident, but the two last were the rocks upon which many a candidate for admission was hopelessly wrecked; the penalty being another round of "commissary" at the expense of the rejected candidate. It was the attempt of one individual to pronounce the words "Truly Rural" that suggested the name of the society.

The living members of this informal social gathering which went far to mitigate the hardship and trials of campaigning, are widely scattered. Quite a number are now holding high rank in the Army. Some who returned from the service have been honored in civil life. Others went down to death in the smoke of battle in the war then existing, or ended their noble lives amid the barbaric war cry of the Sioux. Among those now living, I recall Douglas, Mills, Burt, Benham, Freeman, Kirtland, Brand, Denton, Procter, Sutherland, Plisterer and McCreery. Gentlemen, how has the prospect been with you for the last four and thirty years. Would it have been possible to have a reunion at some time and somewhere, on this side of the "Great Divide," or must we wait until our tents are pitched on the other side, where the majority of our comrades have already encamped?

Comrades, in those far-away days of war and strife, I and you greeting.
HENRY HAYMOND.
Clarksburg, West Va., Sept. 8, 1896.

FORT BLISS, TEX.

Sept. 18, 1896.

Lieut. Fielder Beall and family took their departure for San Antonio last week. Capt. Oliver Warwick, whose company Lieut. Beall joins, and who is now in the field in a practice march, very kindly placed his quarters at Lieut. Beall's disposal until his own could be gotten ready for occupancy. Col. Henry Lawton, Inspector General's Department, passed through El Paso last week en route to Western posts. Col. Van Valzah, accompanied by his staff, the officers of the garrison, and the regimental band, went across the river last week to pay their respects to Gov. Ahumada, of Chihuahua. The reception was held in the Custom House in Juarez. The 18th Inf. band was stationed in the large and beautiful grounds, playing the best and most popular airs during the entertainment. Gov. Ahumada was Colonel of a Mexican cavalry regiment during Geronimo's invasions of Texas and New Mexico, and assisted Gen. Miles in the capture of that chief. At that time Col. Lawton was with Gen. Miles also, and at the reception Gov. Ahumada recognized him at once, though not having met him for a number of years. Master Edward Avis celebrated his twelfth birthday last week by giving a very enjoyable party to his little friends. Mr. Murphy, father of Mrs. Van Valzah, and Mrs. Ward, was a recent visitor at the post. Last week was pay day and it was found the next morning that two soldiers had taken French leave during the night. It is presumed they crossed into Mexico. Under the supervision of Capt. Chas. McClure, whose idea it was, a good bicycle road has been built from the post to the county road, a distance of about two and a half miles. Mrs. Clarence Bailey, wife of Col. Bailey, who has been spending the hot months in California, is expected to return the first of the week.

Yaqui Indians attacked and raided the Custom House at Palomas, New Mexico, a few days ago. It is about eighty miles from El Paso, and word reached the officials in Juarez, but from what source is not known, that large body of Indians and insurgents were coming towards that town. The result was a universal scare, and every man who could crossed the river to El Paso to get his fire arms, so that by night every gun and pistol in the stores, besides quantities of ammunition, had been sent to our Mexican friends, but the insurgents have not yet appeared. Gov. Ahumada, however, following the old adage, that it is only the unexpected that happens, has a large number of soldiers, both cavalry and infantry, in Juarez, and is well prepared to take care of quite a large number of the enemy should they decide to appear. The officers have had a very fine tennis court made, and though it has been rather warm work, still there have been some exciting games, and every afternoon finds a number of players on the court. On the 16th inst., a large ball was given in Juarez, to which all the officers and ladies were invited. The 16th is their independence day and is always most enthusiastically celebrated. Following the Fourth of July celebrations a large ball is always given, and is always attended by a great many people from the El Paso side of the river.

Col. Van Valzah, Capt. Charles McClure, Lieut. Avis, Lieut. Evans, Collector Bauche, of Juarez; Mr. Charles Davis, and Mr. Magoffin left this week on a hunting trip down the river. They will be gone several days. The infant daughter of Mr. Tilsworth, the post blacksmith, died yesterday and was buried in the post cemetery. Capt. Augur expects soon to go on practice march with his troop. It was reported sometime since that Capt. Augur was to be given the post of commandant at West Point. It would be an excellent choice, for he would be the right man in the right place. However, the appointment must be made soon, as they take station in October, and Capt. Augur's friends, while missing him and his family from the post, still hope that the mantle will fall on his shoulders. Mr. Elverson, an uncle of Lieut. Duval, is visiting at the post for a few days. Mr. Elverson is the father of Madame Patre-Notre, of Washington, and editor and owner of the magazine, "Golden Days."

ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

The annual reunion of the Society of the Army of the Potomac, held this year at Burlington, Vt., closed in a blaze of glory on the night of Sept. 17. Among the more prominent of the many veterans who attended were Gen. T. Lockman, acting commander of the society; Gen. Horatio C. King, Recording Secretary; Gen. Samuel Truesdale, Treasurer; Gen. John R. Brooke, U. S. A.; Gen. Charles G. Sawtelle, Quartermaster General, of the Army; ex-Congressman M. McGinnis, Gen. Daniel Butterfield, Gen. Stephen Moffit, Gen. Orlando Smith, Capt. Jack Crawford, Col. C. L. MacArthur and Gen. George D. Ruggles, Adjutant General of the Army. At the parade on Sept. 16 the 3d Regular Cav., from Fort Myer, and the 21st Inf., from Plattsburg Barracks, under Lieut. Col. Chambers McKibbin, were an interesting feature of the occasion, and much admired. The va-

rious corps of the Army held their usual meetings, and the balloting for Commander of the society resulted in the election of Gen. William Henry, of Burlington, as President. Maj. Gen. O. O. Howard, U. S. A., was nominated, but he declined, and asked the comrades to vote for Gen. Henry. Gen. H. C. King was re-elected Recording Secretary; Gen. Samuel Truesdale, Treasurer, and Dr. O. W. Scott, Corresponding Secretary.

The following committee was appointed to draw up resolutions on the death of Gen. John Gibbon, late President of the society: Gen. O. O. Howard, J. R. Brooke, G. D. Ruggles, W. W. Averill, Maj. C. A. Woodruff and Gen. H. C. King.

Troy, N. Y., was chosen as the place for the reunion of 1897. At the banquet on the evening of Sept. 17 at the Van Ness House, seated to the right of the toastmaster, Gen. Lockman, were Gov. Woodbury, of Vermont; Gen. Ruggles, Gen. Brooke, Gen. Averill, Gen. Henry, Gen. Lewis, Gen. Tremaine and Gen. Truesdale, and on Gen. Lockman's left were Mayor Peck, Gen. Howard, Gen. Smith, Gen. Butterfield, Capt. Crawford, Col. Benedict, Col. Marden and Gen. King.

Before the society adjourned a resolution was adopted "that the hearty thanks of this society are extended to the Governor of the State of Vermont, the Mayor and city officials, the local Executive Committee, the citizens of Burlington and the officers and troops participating in the parade for the generous reception accorded to the society on its second reunion in this beautiful city; the happy memories of sixteen years ago are vividly revived by this repetition of their kindness, which will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to be its recipients."

At the banquet of Adj. Gen. Ruggles responded for "The Army and Navy," and was warmly greeted. Gen. Butterfield spoke of the Army of the Potomac, Gen. Averill, of "Our Sister Societies," and Maj. McKinley sent a telegram of regret for absence.

FORT WARREN.

Fort Warren, Sept. 22.—Visitors at the last hop were Capt. Osgood, Miss Harriet Osgood and Mr. Teal, of Boston, and Mrs. Goodenow and Miss Goodenow, of South Truro.

Capt. and Mrs. Richmond have returned from their extended Southern trip.

Miss Kate Watkins, Miss Mary Fowle and Miss Margaret Brian, who have spent the summer here visiting relatives, have returned to their respective homes.

Lieut. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, after a week's tour through the White Mountains, have returned to Fort Warren and will remain with Mrs. Davis' parents for a few days before going to New York.

The friends of Lieut. Krayenbuhl, 2d Art., and Mrs. Krayenbuhl are pleased that recent orders have assigned him to the Boston Technology.

Miss Marion Haywood leaves for Brooklyn shortly to visit her sister, Mrs. Martin.

Mrs. Osgood and Miss Harriet Osgood are spending a few days in town with Capt. Osgood.

The friends of Dr. La Garde regret that he is under orders for Robinson.

Lieut. Howell, Engineer Corps, of Portland, has been a guest at Lieut. Walker's.

Miss Jessie Word, of Chicago, has returned to the New England Conservatory of Music to the gratification of her numerous friends at Warren. Miss Word is a frequent visitor at Col. Woodruff's.

JEFFERSON BARRACKS.

Sept. 19, 1896.

There has been a good deal of sickness at the post, a daily sick report of about fifty men. The disease is a malarial type, with some cases of typhoid fever. The latter is attributed to the failure to take proper precautions in water by boiling, which is necessary. A water tower has just been completed by the Quartermaster's Department. It is quite ornamental, on a prominent site on the powder grounds, but, like powder, is kept dry, because no water will run with it, the pressure being not sufficient, although it cost \$4,000. It is like the 16 to 1 silver movement—there is nothing in it. Everybody is getting ready for the practice march. Capt. Chase, Hunter and MacKay are about to prepare practical field problems. Capt. Boughton is studying the campaigns of 1861 in the country over which the march takes place, and will deliver practical lectures at each place of interest. The six troops will go, leaving enough men from each for garrison duty, so that there will be two squadrons to operate against each other, the Browns and Blues. Capt. Jones has been relieved as Quartermaster of post, his successor having construction duty alone. Lieut. Rivers, R. Q. M., becomes Post Quartermaster. Gen. Henry returned on the 15th. The new officers are expected to arrive in time for the practice march.

THE WATERTOWN ARSENAL.

"Machinery," in its number for September, publishes an account of the Watertown Arsenal, which is to be continued in another number. Among the numerous illustrations is an excellent likeness of Maj. J. W. Reilly, O. D., U. S. A., who has command of the Arsenal. Concerning him "Machinery" says:

"It is refreshing to see the progress that has been made since Maj. J. W. Reilly was sent to take charge of the place and place it on a sound footing to compare with the Watervliet Arsenal and to co-operate in the building of the heavy guns by furnishing the carriages and other mounts, without which the guns could not even be used for Fourth of July celebrations, to say nothing of striking terror to would-be violators of our coast. The guns are made at Watervliet, the carriages here, and they are assembled at the place assigned for test or service, as the case may be. This division of work is entirely modern, and follows closely what is being done in private shops, which shows that advances are being steadily made and that the idea of building one thing well, rather than half a dozen of only medium quality, is growing. The work in hand at present consists of carriages for eight, ten and twelve-inch guns, converting some of the old-fashioned mounts into more modern ones, and making projectiles of about all sizes, shapes and kinds that are supposed to be used in modern warfare. This includes the entire range, from the small but lively rapid fire to the massive shell, which the coast defense mortar is supposed to drop on and pierce the deck of the enemy's vessel, and which weighs half a ton. When Maj. Reilly was sent to Watertown to make it into a modern plant, the prospects were anything but encouraging, and the inactivity of a quarter of a century had to be wakened into life according to modern ideas. So well has he succeeded that within the short time he has been in command, the place wears a different aspect; the plant has been rebuilt in many respects and now employs about 250 men, with the prospect of doubling this number when all the necessary changes have been made."

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Esperos.—Your name is on the list for examination for Ordnance Sergeant, and you will be examined when there are vacancies among those eligible for the position. At present there is a large list of available candidates, and as the present incumbents are mostly young men and not likely to retire or be removed for any cause, the next examination will probably not occur for some time.

R. W. D.—There will be no more appointments at large to the Military Academy at West Point till June, 1897.

W. H. L.—The law granting additional pay for reenlistment to which you refer, does not in any way affect members of the Coast Survey Service.

G.—The 3d Art., has been stationed at Southern posts in Department of the East since May, 1893; the 5th on the Pacific coast since May, 1890; the 4th Inf. in Idaho and Washington since July, 1896; the 15th Inf. in Illinois about 6 years; the 16th in Utah and Wyoming since May, 1888, and the 24th in New Mexico and Arizona since June, 1888.

F. E. P.—As Col. E. C. Bainbridge, 3d Art., will not be retired for age until March 18, 1899, there is no reason to suppose he will not accompany his regiment to the Pacific coast.

N. C. O.—The regulation is as follows: Members of the post exchange must be organizations, companies, and detachments. By "detachments" is meant an organization consisting of a number of enlisted men not belonging or attached to a company, such as the Hospital Corps, Signal Corps, or Band. Individual enlisted men, such as post or regimental non-commissioned officers or individual members of the Hospital or Signal Corps, cannot become members of the exchange unless three or more of them are associated in a mess.

S.—Admission to the Army and Navy General Hospital at Hot Springs, Ark., is restricted to officers and enlisted men of the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps on the active lists, and cadets at the Military and Naval Academies; officers and enlisted men of the Army, the Navy, and the Marine Corps on the retired lists; officers of the Revenue Marine.

H. P. D.—Apply to your Congressman; he should have as much influence as any one.

H. H. W.—See answer to H. L. B., in "Army and Navy Journal," page 13, issue of Sept. 5, 1896.

O.—The pay of the Lieutenant General on the retired list is \$8,250 per annum.

INQUIRER.—A foreigner has not been admitted to the West Point Military Academy since 1893. In this year Francisco Alcantara, of Venezuela, entered the Academy for instruction. He is now in the first class and will probably finish his course next year. The class this year will be the largest in the history of the Academy, numbering 333, against 324 last year. The class at the Naval Academy will also be large, about 140 boys having been appointed to take the fall examination. In this class will be one foreigner, Viscount Hiroaki Tanura, of Japan, who received his appointment in May last. The admission of foreigners to the two schools is a matter of courtesy. Application for the admittance of a cadet is made by the proper authorities to the Department of State. The Department refers the application to Congress for action. If it is approved a point resolution is passed directing the admitting of the party named. In the case of Japan, however, this is not necessary (as far as the Navy is concerned) as a law was passed some years ago authorizing the Secretary of the Navy to admit Japanese students at the request of the Japanese Government. Most of the applications for a course of instruction at the academies come from the South American Republics, the privilege not being intended for the great empires of Europe.

J. M.—Your statement is not sufficiently definite. You say that "the members decided to drop you from the company." Members cannot "drop." They may expel for violation of company by-laws. If you were expelled from your company it must have been for cause and for some offense committed against the by-laws. Ascertain what action was taken at the company meeting; what your company by-laws provide in the matter of expulsion; upon what ground the company voted to expel, and what reason is given in the regimental order for dishonorable discharge, and we can inform you of your remedy, if any there be. Application to the commanding officer of your regiment will secure for you all these details.

E. D. F.—(1) The band takes post after the right of the 1st Battalion is established. It takes its distance with the left 24 paces from that point. (2) Guard details are formed on their company parade grounds, D. R. Par. 712, and are marched from that point at Adjutant's call. (3) No. Companies would take the right shoulder at the marching command of the company commander. The first company does not move forward and there is no reason why it should assume the right shoulder. (4) There is no reason why a battalion should march at least 60 paces beyond receiving officer before changing direction or that they should change direction at all unless the ground requires it. The review is over as soon as the troops have passed the reviewing officer and they return to camp by the most practicable route. D. R. par. 688. (5) The only restriction as to salutes is par. 296. Manual of Guard Duty, which provides that prisoners under charge of a sentinel will not salute an officer.

X. asks—Inf. D. R. 323 and 332, second and last lines, should not both read after "or." 2. Double time; 3. march; 4. guide right (left or center). With a large company it would be impracticable (it seems to me) for a company on the left (4th) to lengthen the step sufficiently to ever get their place, if the command as stated in the D. R. was given. 1. On first company close intervals; 2. march; 3. guide right. Answer—There is no lengthening of step by companies away from the guiding company. The company on which or toward which the movement is made is halted by the battalion commander at the proper time and the other companies continue the march until on a line with such company. This, of course, applies to the order, if given while the command is marching in quick time. If marching in double time, the order for the guide would be proper without preceding it with the caution "Double time, march."

AN IRISH WITNESS.

(From the Westminster Gazette.)

An Irish witness was being examined as to his knowledge of a shooting affair. "Did you see the shot fired?" the magistrate asked. "No, sorr, I only heard it," was the evasive reply. "That evidence is not satisfactory," replied the magistrate, sternly. "Stand down!" The witness turned round to leave the box, and directly his back was turned he laughed derisively. The magistrate, indignant at this contempt of court, called him back and asked him how he dared to laugh in court. "Did ye see me laugh, your Honor?" queried the offender. "No, sir, but I heard you," was the irate reply. "That evidence is not satisfactory," said Pat quietly, but with a twinkle in his eye, and this time everybody laughed except the magistrate.

THE ARMY.

DANIEL S. LAMONT, Sec'y of War. J. B. DOR, Asst. Sec'y.

G. O. 9. Sept. 14, 1896. Dept. Dakota.

In compliance with the directions of the President, as conveyed in paragraph 15, Special Orders No. 212, current series, Headquarters of the Army, the undersigned assumes command of the Department of Dakota.

J. K. MIZNER, Col. 10th Cav.

G. O. 9. Sept. 15, 1896. Dept. of Colorado.

The plan having been approved by the Acting Secretary of War and the Major General Commanding the Army a competition of enlisted men, skilled in athletics, will be held at Denver, Colo., Oct. 2 and 3, next. It will be conducted under supervision of the following named officers who will arrange a programme of athletic events and report the results thereof, with their recommendations in writing, direct to these Headquarters. Detail: Capt. Edward E. Hardin, 7th Inf.; Capt. Curtis B. Hoppin, 2d Cav.; 2d Lieut. Geo. T. Langhorne, 3d Cav., Aid. At every post in the Department an athletic team will be immediately formed in accordance with the special letter of instructions from these Headquarters, dated Sept. 12, 1896, sent to all post commanders. Each team will be commanded by a commissioned officer, selected by the post commander. All teams will be sent to Fort Logan, Colo., in time to arrive there Sept. 26. Teams from posts in Utah may travel independently of all others. Commanding Officers of posts in Arizona and New Mexico will arrange in advance by telegraph to have all their teams unite at Albuquerque, N. M., if practicable, and journey thence to Denver by the same railway train. All teams will report to the Commanding Officer, Fort Logan, for instructions. Upon completion of the competition he will order competitors to return to their respective stations, granting to those who may apply therefor delays not exceeding twenty days. Full dress and fatigue uniforms, blankets, arms and equipments, complete, according to branch of service, will be brought. The usual running dress worn by athletes will be authorized in the contests. The Quartermaster's Department will furnish the required transportation, and the Subsistence Department the authorized subsistence. The Chief Quartermaster of the Department will give special instructions to the post quartermasters regarding the manner in which the railway transportation requests shall be issued. The names of the competitors and the organizations to which they pertain, will be telegraphed to these Headquarters not later than Sept. 20. When the teams leave their respective posts, descriptive lists of all competitors will be mailed to the Commanding Officer, Fort Logan.

By Command of Brig. Gen. Wheaton.

WM. J. VOLKMAR, A. A. G.

G. O. 46. Sept. 16, 1896. Artillery School.

I. Officers taking a post graduate course of study at the Artillery School will submit to the Commandant, through the Instructor to whose department such studies pertain, a statement of the subjects or the course of study which they desire to pursue during the year. The statement should be made after conference with and by the advice of the Instructor. Thereafter they will submit at the end of December, March, and June, statements, through the Instructor, of the progress made. The latter will add such remarks touching progress, the benefits derived, etc., as may be necessary for the information of the Commandant.

II. Post graduate students are available for the usual duties with the batteries to which they are assigned, but will not be required to attend drills intended principally for the instruction of student officers.

III. All Lieutenants serving with batteries and such Captains as may wish to do so, will until further orders report to the Post Surgeon, Maj. Edward B. Moseley, in the Hall of the Administration Building, on Tuesdays and Fridays of each week at 3 o'clock, P. M., for the instruction provided in General Orders No. 9, Adjutant General's Office, 1886. This instruction will be in lieu of drills on those days.

By order of Col. Frank.

CHAS. L. PHILLIPS,
1st Lieut. 4th Art., Adjutant.

G. O. 43. Sept. 18, 1896. H. Q. A. A., G. O.

The Secretary of War having approved the following transfers of troops, they are hereby ordered, to commence as soon after the first of October as practicable:

The 3d Art., now serving in the Departments of the East and Texas, with the 5th Art., serving in the Departments of California and of the Columbia, except the batteries of those regiments serving at Fort Monroe, which will retain their present station. The light batteries will leave their horses, guns, and battery equipments at their present stations, and take those of the exchanging battery.

Infantry.

The 15th Inf., now serving in the Department of the Missouri, will relieve the 24th Inf., serving in the Department of the Colorado.

The 24th Inf. will relieve the 16th Inf., now serving in the Department of the Colorado.

The 16th Inf. will relieve the 4th Inf., now serving in the Department of the Columbia.

The 4th Inf. will relieve the 15th Inf.

II. The designations of the particular field officers, batteries, and companies for posts to be garrisoned by the artillery and by the 15th and 16th Inf., will be made by the Commanding Generals of the Departments in which they are to serve, except that the battery for Fort Canby will be designated by the Commanding Officer of the 3d Art., and the Junior Major of that regiment will also take station at that post.

III. Commanding officers will see that the property to be transported is confined to the lowest possible limit, and that all surplus or unserviceable property is transferred to the proper officer at the respective stations from which the troops are ordered. En route to their new stations the troops will take such ammunition only, per man, as is usually carried on the person of the soldier.

IV. All enlisted men of the 5th Art. and the 4th Inf. who desire to remain at their present stations will be permitted to do so and be transferred to batteries and companies to arrive.

All enlisten men of the 3d and 5th Art. and the 4th and 15th Inf., who have six months or less to serve and who do not intend to re-enlist will be left at their present stations for transfer to organizations thereat or to arrive.

V. Commanding Generals of Departments will by concerted action arrange for and give such additional directions as may be necessary, and order further details with due regard to economy and the welfare of officers and men.

VI. The transportation required by this order will be furnished by the Quartermaster's Department, after due proposals from the lines interested, and the cost of each

movement will be reported to the Quartermaster General as soon as known.

By Command of Maj. Gen. Miles:

SAM'L BRECK, Act. Adj. Gen.

G. O. 145. Sept. 20, 1896.

Lieut. Col. Henry directs that in accordance with G. O. 7, and instructions dated Aug. 27, 1896, Headquarters Department of Missouri, the Regimental Commander, Major and Adjutant, 3d Cav., Assistant Surgeon, mounted detachment Hospital Corps and the six troops, each of 36 enlisted strength, will proceed on Oct. 3, for the designated practice march. The allowance of tentage for each troop will be for shelter, 3 conical wall tents, for mess, 1 conical wall tent, for 1st Sergeant, 1 "A" tent, for Captains, 1 wall, and for each two Lieutenants, 1 wall tent, Hospital Corps, 1 "A" tent, for Squadron Commander, 1 wall tent, for Headquarters, 5 wall and 2 "A" tents, for each officers' mess, 1 wall tent, for latrines, 1 "A" tent for each troop, 1 for each Squadron and 1 for Headquarters. Mess outfits, desks, and other impedimenta, to be reduced to the smallest possible limit and compactness. For transportation of property from cars to camps and return, one four-mule escort wagon to each squadron, and one for headquarters; total, three escort wagons to be furnished by the Quartermaster's Department. Equipment full; 10 rounds ball cartridges for carbine, 5 rounds ball for pistol, 40 rounds blank for carbine, 10 rounds blank for pistol. For bedding, not over three blankets, one pillow and mattress cover to be compactly rolled. The Signal Officer will take a set of signal flags. An itinerary of the march will be kept by each troop, being submitted at end of day's march. The Engineer Officer will also keep the required itinerary of the march. Troop Commanders will endeavor to give all possible instruction to their non-commissioned officers in this important matter of road sketching, with military topographical features. Officers will inform themselves on the contents of "Security and Information," with a view to its practical application when possible. The three senior Captains are constituted a board to arrange for practical problems, and for suggestive views that may from time to time occur to them or others. The conduct of the march, breaking and making camp, will be in accordance with General Orders No. 10, Headquarters 3d Cav., Feb. 25, 1896. The formation of command will be by squadrons. Capt. D. H. Boughton, 3d Cav., will inform himself of the military operations which took place during the war of 1861-65 in that part of the country covered by the practice march, and make them the subject of a practical lecture at each camp or place of designated interest. 1st Lieut. C. A. Hedekin, 3d Cav., is detailed as Quartermaster for the march. He will see that cars are properly packed, transportation in order and used as designated.

H. Q. A. A., G. O. Sept 21, 1896.

Appointments, promotions, etc., of commissioned officers recorded in the Adjutant General's Office during the week ending Saturday, Sept. 19, 1896.

PROMOTION AND ASSIGNMENT.

Cavalry Arm.

2d Lieut. Michael M. McNamee, 3d Cav., to be 1st Lieutenant, Sept. 9, 1896, vice Jackson, 9th Cav., appointed Quartermaster, to the 9th Cav.

Additional 2d Lieut. John Morrison, Jr., 2d Cav., to the vacancy of 2d Lieutenant, 3d Cav., Sept. 9, 1896, with rank from June 12, 1896, vice McNamee, promoted.

Casualties.

Capt. George S. Hoyt, Asst. Q. M., died Sept. 17, 1896, at Helena, Mont.

Capt. Thomas Britton (retired), died Sept. 18, 1896, at San Diego, Cal.

GEO. D. RUGGLES, A. G.
NOTE.—No list was issued for the week ending Sept. 12, 1896.

STAFF DEPARTMENTS.

The following changes in stations and duties of officers of the Medical Department are ordered: Maj. James P. Kimball, Surg., will be relieved from duty at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, and will report at Fort Columbus, New York, for duty at that post, to relieve Maj. John Van R. Hoff, Surg. Maj. Hoff, upon being relieved, will report at Vancouver Barracks, Washington, for duty at that post, to relieve Capt. Rudolph G. Ebert, Asst. Surg., who will proceed to Philadelphia, Pa., and assume duty as attending surgeon and examiner of recruits in that city, and relieve Capt. William W. Gray, Asst. Surg. Capt. Gray, upon being relieved, will report at Fort Apache, Arizona Territory, for duty at that post, to relieve 1st Lieut. Irving W. Rand, Asst. Surg. Lieut. Rand, upon being relieved, will report at Fort Clark, Texas, for duty. (H. Q. A., Sept. 17.)

Commy. Sergt. Frederick Meister (appointed Sept. 17, 1896, from Sergeant Major, 15th Inf.), now at Fort Sheridan, Ill., will be sent to Watertown Arsenal, Mass. (H. Q. A., Sept. 19.)

The leave granted Capt. George P. Scriven, Signal Corps, is extended two months. (H. Q. A., Sept. 17.)

Maj. Daniel D. Wheeler, Q. M., U. S. A., is announced as Chief Quartermaster of the Department. (G. O. 16, D. P., Sept. 18.)

1st Lieut. Joseph E. Maxfield, Signal Corps, will proceed from Chicago, Ill., to Fort Sheridan, Ill., on official business pertaining to changes made during the construction of field telegraph wagons. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

The extension of leave granted Post Chaplain Joseph E. Irish, is still further extended three months on account of sickness. (H. Q. A., Sept. 19.)

Capt. Charles S. Smith, Ord. Dept., will proceed from Washington, D. C., to the works of the Bethlehem Iron Company, South Bethlehem, Pa., on official business pertaining to the construction of cannon. (H. Q. A., Sept. 21.)

Capt. David A. Lyle, Ord. Dept., will proceed from Nicetown, Philadelphia, Pa., to the works of the Penn Iron Company, Lancaster, Pa., on official business pertaining to the inspection of material for 10-inch disappearing gun carriages. (H. Q. A., Sept. 21.)

So much of par. 2, S. O. c. s., as relates to Maj. Charles E. Kilbourne, Paym., is amended so as to direct that he be accompanied by his authorized clerk in making the payments at the posts of Vancouver Barracks and Fort Canby, Wash. (S. O. 149, D. C., Sept. 10.)

Asst. Surg. T. J. Kirkpatrick, is detailed counsel in case before G. C. M. (Fort Columbus, Sept. 17.)

Leave for seven days is granted Capt. J. E. Pilcher, Asst. Surg. (Columbus Barracks, Sept. 19.)

Ord. Sergt. James A. Richardson will proceed to Fort Popham, Me. (Fort Monroe, Sept. 21.)

Capt. Charles M. Gandy, Asst. Surg., is relieved from temporary duty at Fort Myer, and will return to Washington Barracks, D. C., so that he may comply with S. O. 196, Headquarters of the Army. (S. O. 222, D. E., Sept. 23.)

Capt. Stanhope E. Blunt, Ord. Dept., will proceed from Watervliet Arsenal, West Troy, N. Y., to the Sandy Hook Proving Ground, New Jersey, on official business pertaining to the manufacture of 12-inch rifles. (H. Q. A., Sept. 22.)

Capt. Charles Wilcox, Asst. Surg., will report to the C. O., Fort Myer, Va., for temporary duty at that post, and,

upon the return of Capt. W. H. Arthur, Asst. Surg., to duty, will return to his proper station (H. Q. A., Sept. 22.)

A board of officers is appointed to meet at the headquarters Department of the Missouri, Chicago, Ill., on Monday, Oct. 5, 1896, for the examination of such officers of the Medical Department as may be ordered before it, to determine their fitness for promotion. Detail: Lieut. Col. Albert Hartsuff, Deputy Surg. Gen.; Maj. Henry Lippincott, Surg.; Capt. Norton Strong, Asst. Surg.

The following named officers will report in person on Monday, Oct. 5, 1896, before the above board: 1st Lieut. Henry C. Fisher, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. Henry A. Shaw, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. Charles F. Kieffer, Asst. Surg. (H. Q. A., Sept. 22.)

A board of survey, to consist of Maj. Henry W. Wells, jr., 3d Cav.; Capt. George H. Morgan, 3d Cav., and 2d Lieut. Clyde E. Hawkins, 3d Cav., was appointed to meet at Jefferson Barracks Sept. 21 to investigate the circumstances connected with the desertions of Recruits Peter F. Korb and Alva Hamman, Mounted Service, white, and especially into the causes which induced them.

So much of par. 9, S. O. 213, September 10, as directed 1st Lieut. Charles A. Bennett, 3d Art., upon being relieved from duty as special recruiting officer for the light artillery at Wheeling, W. Va., to report in person to the commanding officer Key West Barracks, Fla., is amended to direct him, upon being so relieved, to join his battery. (H. Q. A., Sept. 22.)

Leave for ten days, to take effect upon his relief from duty at Searcy College, Searcy, Ark., is granted Lieut. Edward O. C. Ord, 22d Inf. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

2d Lieut. Herbert N. Royden, 23d Inf., is detailed as professor of military science and tactics at the Maine State College, Orono, Me., and will report in person to duty accordingly. (H. Q. A., Sept. 22.)

Capt. Sidney E. Clark and detachment of 2d Inf. will stand relieved from further duty at Fort Omaha, Neb., on September 17, and on that date will proceed to join their respective stations in the Department of Dakota. (S. O. 86, D. P., Sept. 14.)

Post Qrm. Sergt. Charles Campbell, U. S. A., is relieved from temporary duty at Fort Crook, Neb., and will return to his proper station at Fort Omaha, Neb. (S. O. 868, D. P., Sept. 14.)

The detachment of the 22d Inf., and Post Q. M. Sergt. Charles Yeager, U. S. A., will, on September 17, be relieved from further temporary duty at Fort Omaha, Neb., and on that date be sent to Fort Crook, Neb. (S. O. 86, D. P., Sept. 14.)

The detachment of the Hospital Corps, U. S. A., will, on September 17, be relieved from further duty at Fort Omaha, Neb., and on that date be sent to Fort Crook, Neb., for duty. (S. O. 86, D. P., Sept. 14.)

G. C. M. at Fort Robinson, Neb., September 18. Detail: Maj. Adna R. Caffee, 9th Cav.; Capt. Eugene D. Dimmick, 9th Cav.; Capt. Clarence A. Stedman, 9th Cav.; Capt. Joseph Garrard, 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Philip P. Powell, Adj. 9th Cav.; 1st Lieut. Charles Lynch, Asst. Surg.; 1st Lieut. Guy H. Preston, 9th Cav.; 2d Lieut. Frank S. Armstrong, 9th Cav., Judge Advocate. (S. O. 86, D. P., Sept. 14.)

Maj. Albert S. Towar, Chief Paymaster, will proceed to Fort Crook, Neb., to pay the troops of the 2d Battle of the 22d Inf., which was temporarily absent from that post on a practice march, at the time of payment of the garrison for the muster of August 31, 1896. (S. O. 86, D. P., Sept. 14.)

Leave granted Maj. Charles W. Williams, Q. M. Dept. U. S. A., is extended ten days. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

Capt. Norton Strong, Asst. Surg., is relieved from duty at Fort Sheridan and will report for duty as Attending Surgeon and Examiner of Recruits at Chicago. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

1st Lieut. John S. Kulp, Asst. Surg., is relieved from duty at Fort Walla Walla, Wash., and will report for duty at Vancouver Barracks, Wash. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

Capt. William Stevenson, Asst. Surg., is relieved from duty at Vancouver Barracks, and will report for duty at Fort Sheridan. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

Capt. Henry D. Borup, Ord. Dept., will make not exceeding two visits from Woodbury Station, Baltimore, Md., to Cramps' shipyards, Philadelphia, Pa., to inspect a ten-inch pneumatic gun carriage. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

A furlough for six months will be granted Hospital Steward Alfred E. Silverthorne. (S. O. 152, D. C., Sept. 17.)

Hospital Steward Charles A. Krick, U. S. A., will proceed to Fort Walla Walla, Wash., for temporary duty. (S. O. 152, D. C., Sept. 17.)

Capt. John W. Summerhayes, Asst. Q. M., is relieved as member of the G. C. M. at Fort Slocum. (S. O. 223, D. E., Sept. 24.)

Comy. Sergt. Oscar Raik will proceed to Fort Preble, Me. (Washington Barracks, Sept. 20.)

The unexecuted portion of the sentence of G. C. M. in the case of Acting Hospital Steward James F. Welsh is remitted. (S. O. 223, D. E., Sept. 24.)

Leave for three days is granted Chaplain C. W. Freeland. (Fort Monroe, Sept. 22.)

CAVALRY, ARTILLERY AND INFANTRY.

2d CAVALRY.—COLONEL GEORGE G. HUNT.

Leave for four months, to take effect on or about Oct. 1, 1896, is granted Capt. Curtis B. Hoppin, 2d Cav. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

2d Lieut. James J. Hornbrook, 2d Cav., is relieved as member and detailed as Judge Advocate of the G. C. M. convened at Fort Wingate, N. M., vice 1st Lieut. William H. Bean, 2d Cav., relieved. (S. O. 76, D. C., Sept. 11.)

The leave granted William H. Bean, 2d Cav., is extended twenty-three days. (S. O. 76, D. C., Sept. 11.)

Additional 2d Lieut. John Morrison, Jr., 2d Cav., is assigned to a vacancy of 2d Lieutenant, 3d Cav., Troop 4, Sept. 9, 1896, with rank from June 12, 1896, vice McNamee, promoted. He will join his troop under the requirements of G. O. 20, July 10, 1896. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

3d CAVALRY.—COL. ANSON MILLS.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. Andrew G. C. Quay, 3d Cav., is extended two months. (H. Q. A., Sept. 17.)

1st Lieut. Michael M. McNamee (recently promoted from 2d Lieutenant, 3d Cav.), is assigned to the 9th Cav., Troop H, to date from Sept. 9, 1896, vice Jackson, appointed Quartermaster. He will remain with the 3d Cav. until further orders. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

Leave of absence granted Capt. Henry L. Ripley, 3d Cav., is extended fourteen days on surgeon's certificate of disability. (Jefferson Barracks, Sept. 24.)

6th CAVALRY.—COL. SAMUEL S. SUMNER

The resignation of his warrant tendered by Sergt. Oth. Schultz, 6th Cav., has been accepted.

Corp. James Wilson, D. 6th Cav., has been promoted Sergeant, and Pvt. B. Kossman appointed Corporal.

7th CAVALRY.—COL. EDWIN V. SUMNER.

Leave for one month, with permission to apply for extension of one month, is granted 1st Lieut. William

H. Baldwin, Q. M., 7th Cav., Fort Grant, Arizona. (S. O. 76, D. C., Sept. 11.)

8th CAVALRY.—COL. CALEB H. CARLTON.

The 8th Cav. returned to Fort Meade recently from a three weeks' encampment at Moorecraft.

9th CAVALRY.—COL. JAMES BIDDLE.

Col. Biddle, 9th Cav., in G. O. 5, dated Sept. 10, 1896, says: "It is with unfeigned regret and sorrow that the Colonel commanding announces to the regiment the death of 1st Lieut. and Regimental Quartermaster Q. M. James W. Benton, 9th Cav., which occurred suddenly at Hot Springs, S. D., on the morning of the 2d inst. Lieut. Benton was born in Washington, D. C., Jan. 24, 1864. Graduated from the Military Academy June, 1885; appointed 2d Lieutenant 9th Cav., June 14, 1885; promoted 1st Lieutenant March 27, 1892; appointed Regimental Quartermaster 9th Cav., April 12, 1895, which position he held at the time of his death. In the death of Lieut. Benton, the regiment has sustained the loss of a manly, courteous and genial officer and gentleman, and as a mark of respect to his memory, the officers of the regiment will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days."

1st ARTILLERY.—COL. ROYAL T. FRANK.

Corp. A. Goehr, H, 1st Art., has been promoted Sergeant, and Lance Corp. F. P. Vaughan appointed Corporal.

Battery L, 1st Art., will proceed to Fort Hancock for target practice. (Fort Wadsworth, Sept. 19.)

Lieut. G. W. Van Deusen, 1st Art., is appointed Quartermaster and Commissary. (Fort Slocum, Sept. 21.)

Leave for two days is granted Capt. G. P. Cotton, 1st Art. (Fort Slocum, Sept. 21.)

Field officers of the 1st Art. are assigned to stations, and will proceed to join them, as follows: Maj. William L. Haskin to Fort Wadsworth; Maj. John H. Calef, to Fort Slocum. (S. O. 220, D. E., Sept. 21.)

Batteries G and I, 1st Art., will proceed to Fort Hancock for target practice. (Fort Hamilton, Sept. 19.)

Lieut. Gov. S. Stevens, 1st Art., is detailed Engineer of Post. (Fort Hamilton, Sept. 19.)

Lieut. G. W. S. Stevens, 1st Art., is attached to Battery A, for duty. (Fort Hamilton, Sept. 17.)

Sergeant J. H. Finnegan, Battery I, 1st Art., is appointed Provost Sergeant. (Camp Fort Hancock, Sept. 21.)

Lieuts. C. P. Townsley and J. C. Gilmore, Jr., 1st Art., are detailed counsel in cases before G. C. M. (Washington Barracks, Sept. 14.)

2d ARTILLERY.—COL. RICHARD LODOR.

The following changes of stations of batteries of the 2d Art., are ordered: Battery H, from Fort Schuyler, to Fort Trumbull; Battery K, from Fort Trumbull, to Fort Schuyler. (S. O. 219, D. E., Sept. 19.)

Par. 3, S. O. 197, with regard to the annual target practice of Battery K, 2d Art., is revoked. (S. O. 220, D. E., Sept. 21.)

Corp. P. Ryan and guard will proceed to Fort Adams with a prisoner. (Fort Trumbull, Sept. 17.)

Battery L, 2d Art., will proceed to Fort Slocum for Small Arms Practice. (Fort Schuyler, Sept. 18.)

Leave for seven days is granted 2d Lieut. Dwight E. Aultman, 2d Art. (H. Q. A., Sept. 19.)

Sergeant M. E. Flood, H, 2d Art., has been reduced to Private.

Surg. E. P. Beck, A, 2d Art., has been promoted Sergeant and Lance Corp. M. E. Coomler and Pvt. E. J. Stumm appointed Corporals.

The extension of leave granted 2d Lieut. Clarence E. Lang, 2d Art., is still further extended six months on account of sickness. (H. Q. A., Sept. 21.)

Lieut. C. DeW. Wilcox, 2d Art., is detailed Acting Signal Officer. (Fort Adams, Sept. 23.)

3d ARTILLERY.—COL. EDMUND C. BAINBRIDGE.

Leave for twenty days, to take effect upon the completion of his examination for promotion, is granted 1st Lieut. Joseph M. Califf, 3d Art. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

Capt. H. C. Dames, 3d Art., is detailed J. A. of Garrison C. M. (Key West Barracks, Sept. 17.)

Lieut. R. P. Gardner, 3d Art., will, Sept. 30, relieve Lieut. C. B. Satterlee as Q. M. and Commy. (Key West Barracks, Sept. 16.)

Lieut. C. W. Foster, 3d Art., will supervise payment of Battery I. (Key West Barracks, Sept. 16.)

Lance Corp. J. F. Pauli, I, 3d Art., has been appointed Corporal.

4th ARTILLERY.—COL. FRANCIS L. GUENTHER.

2d Lieut. William S. Guignard, 4th Art., will report in person to the C. O., 4th Art., Washington Barracks, D. C., for assignment to duty with such foot battery of his regiment at that post as may have most need of his services. (H. Q. A., Sept. 19.)

Leave for seven days is granted Capt. H. R. Anderson, 4th Art. (Fort Adams, Sept. 19.)

Leave for seven days is granted Lieut. C. P. Townsley, 4th Art. (Washington Barracks, Sept. 17.)

Lieut. G. G. Heiner, 4th Art., is detailed counsel in case before G. C. M. (Washington Barracks, Sept. 19.)

5th ARTILLERY.—COL. WM. M. GRAHAM.

1st Lieut. William F. Hancock, 5th Art., is relieved from duty at Washington University, St. Louis, Mo., to take effect upon the completion of shipment of Government property from the university to Rock Island Arsenal, Ill. He will then proceed to join his battery. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

1st INFANTRY.—COL. WILLIAM R. SHAFTER.

Leave for one month, to take effect upon the return of his company from Camp of Instruction at Santa Cruz to its proper station, is granted 2d Lieut. J. R. Binns, 1st Inf. (S. O. 107, D. C., Sept. 10.)

Companies A, C, D and G, 1st Inf., will, upon their return to Angel Island from the encampment at Santa Cruz, Cal., take stations as follows: Cos. A and G, at Angel Island, Cal.; Cos. C and D, at Benicia Barracks, Cal. (S. O. 109, D. C., Sept. 14.)

1st Lieut. Louis P. Brant, Adjut., 1st Inf., will repair from Santa Cruz, Cal., to San Francisco, for special duty. (S. O. 109, D. C., Sept. 14.)

5th INFANTRY.—COL. WILLIAM L. KELLOGG.

Pvt. J. E. Farmer, H, 5th Inf., has been appointed Corporal.

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Sergeant John Wrede, E, 5th Inf., will proceed to the U. S. Target Range, Waco, Ga. (Fort McPherson, Sept. 17.)

Sergeant W. J. Griepke, F, 5th Inf., is detailed Steward in Post Mess. (Fort McPherson, Sept. 4.)

Sergeant Jos. Ray, A, 5th Inf., is detailed Overseer of Prisoners. (Fort McPherson, Sept. 4.)

6th INFANTRY.—COL. MELVILLE A. COCHRAN.

Leave for four months, to take effect Sept. 30, 1896, is granted 1st Lieut. Lyman W. V. Kennon, 6th Inf. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

9th INFANTRY.—COL. W. J. LYSER.

Lance Corp. J. J. Foley, D, 9th Inf., has been appointed Corporal.

Leave for seven days is granted Lieut. F. DeW. Ramsey, 9th Inf. (Madison Barracks, Sept. 21.)

Lieut. L. B. Lawton, 9th Inf., is appointed Post Signal Officer. (Madison Barracks, Sept. 18.)

Leave for 20 days, to take effect Oct. 3, is granted Lieut. Thos. W. Darrah, 9th Inf. (S. O. 221, D. E., Sept. 22.)

1st Lieut. E. V. Bookmiller, 9th Inf., will, upon his relief from duty as Quartermaster at Fort Keogh, Mont., proceed to join his company. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

10th INFANTRY.—COL. EDWARD P. PEARSON.

1st Lieut. Robert C. Van Vliet, 10th Inf., is detailed to attend the encampment of the National Guard of Oklahoma Territory at Guthrie, O. T., commencing Sept. 29. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

Leave of absence for one month from Sept. 30, is granted 2d Lieut. A. P. Berry, 10th Inf. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

12th INFANTRY.—COL. JOHN N. ANDREWS.

The following appointment was on Sept. 16 made in Co. C, 12th Inf.: Pvt. William Sperber, to be Corporal, vice Hagen, reduced.

13th INFANTRY.—COL. ALFRED T. SMITH.

Sergeant T. Nagel, A, 13th Inf., will return to Fort Porter. (Fort Columbus, Sept. 17.)

Leave for one month, to take effect on the return of his company to Fort Niagara from practice march, is granted 2d Lieut. Paul B. Malone, 13th Inf. (S. O. 221, D. E., Sept. 22.)

16th INFANTRY.—COL. HUGH A. THEAKER.

Leave for six months, on Surgeon's certificate with permission to leave the Department of the Colorado, is granted 1st Lieut. Beaumont B. Buck, 16th Inf. (H. Q. A., Sept. 19.)

17th INFANTRY.—COL. JOHN S. POLAND.

Capt. E. S. Dudley, A, Q. M., having been ordered to St. Paul, 1st Lieut. R. W. Dowdy, Q. M., 17th Inf., is appointed Post Q. M. (Columbus Barracks, Sept. 18.)

Lieut. W. M. Dickinson, 17th Inf., is detailed counsel in case before G. C. M. (Columbus Barracks, Sept. 18.)

Lance Corp. A. P. Moore, A, 17th Inf., has been appointed Corporal.

Lieut. W. M. Dickinson, 17th Inf., is assigned for temporary duty with Co. G, Lieut. B. F. Hardaway is relieved from temporary duty with Co. D. Lieut. D. P. Cordray is assigned for temporary duty with Co. H. (Columbus Barracks, Sept. 19.)

20th INFANTRY.—COL. HAMILTON S. HAWKINS.

Col. Hamilton S. Hawkins and Capt. Henry A. Greene, 20th Inf., are detailed as members of the examining board convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., to relieve Lieut. Col. Loyd Wheaton and Capt. James A. Irons, 20th Inf., during their temporary absence from the post with troops. Upon their return to Fort Leavenworth Lieut. Col. Wheaton and Capt. Irons will resume their seats on the board. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

It was expected that the 20th Inf. commence its march from Fort Leavenworth to Fort Riley on Sept. 23.

21st INFANTRY.—COL. HORACE JEWETT.

Leave for six months, on Surgeon's certificate, to take effect between Oct. 5 and 15, 1896, is granted 1st Lieut. Edward H. Brooke, 21st Inf. (H. Q. A., Sept. 17.)

Sergeant Maj. J. Jensen, 21st Inf., and guard will conduct a prisoner to Fort Columbus. (Plattsburg Barracks, Sept. 18.)

22d INFANTRY.—COL. JAMES S. CASEY.

The right battalion of the 22d Inf., Cos. A, B, D and E, under Maj. Van Horn, which left Fort Crook Sept. 14, for a week's encampment with the National Guard of Nebraska, at Lincoln, has returned and gone on a practice march to the Winnebago Agency.

The following promotion and appointment of non-commissioned officers in Co. H, 22d Inf., was made on Sept. 15: Corp. Ernest A. Bonge, to be Sergeant, vice Pederson reduced; Lance Corp. Sylvester Wheeler to be Corporal, vice Bonge promoted.

23d INFANTRY.—COL. SAMUEL OVENSHERE.

The leave granted 1st Lieut. William H. Sage, 23d Inf., is extended two months. (H. Q. A., Sept. 17.)

24th INFANTRY.—COL. JACOB F. KENT.

1st Lieut. William Black, 24th Inf., will proceed from Fort Bayard, N. M., to Fort Huachuca, Ariz., for duty as Quartermaster. (S. O. 76, D. C., Sept. 11.)

25th INFANTRY.—COL. ANDREW S. BUNT.

The leave granted Capt. Washington I. Sanborn, 25th Inf., is extended one month. (H. Q. A., Sept. 18.)

Leave for five days is granted Capt. Edwin F. Glenn, 25th Inf. (S. O. 151, D. C., Sept. 12.)

CHANGES OF STATION.

The following changes in the stations of cavalry troops are ordered, the movements to commence on the dates indicated: Troop G, 10th Cav., (Ayres') will be relieved from duty at Fort Custer, Mont., on Sept. 21, and will march via Judith Gap and Benton, Mont., to Fort Assiniboine, Mont., for station. Troop A, 10th Cav., (Cooper's), will be relieved from duty at Fort Keogh, Mont., on Sept. 21, and will march to Fort Custer, for station. Troop A, 8th Cav. (Shunk's), will be relieved from duty at Fort Yates, North Dakota, on Sept. 25, and will march to Fort Keogh, for station. (S. O. 126, D. D., Sept. 10.)

COURTS MARTIAL.

Garrison C. M. Columbus Barracks, Detail: Capt. C. St. J. Chubb, Lieuts. E. I. Grumley, L. L. Durfee, and D. P. Cordray, 17th Inf. (Columbus Barracks, Sept. 17.)

Garrison C. M. at Washington Barracks, Detail: Capt. W. Howe, Lieuts. W. S. Alexander, C. P. Townsley and G. G. Heiner, 4th Art. (Washington Barracks, Sept. 15.)

Garrison C. M., Key West Barracks, Detail: Capt. J. R. Kean and H. C. Dames and Lieuts. C. B. Satterlee and C. W. Foster. (Key West Barracks, Sept. 15.)

Garrison C. M., Fort McHenry, Detail: Lieuts. J. A. Lundeen, J. L. Wilson, B. Payne and A. Cronkhite. (Fort McHenry, Sept. 21.)

In the case of Pvt. James Harrington, Troop A, 7th Cav., on trial before the G. C. M. convened at Fort Leavenworth, Kan., the following-named officers are detailed as members of said court to take the place of Maj. William S. McCaskey, Capt. John B. Rodman, and Alfred Reynolds, and 1st Lieut. Edwin H. Webber, 20th Inf., and 2d Lieut. Ervin L. Phillips, 6th Cav., who were excused from serving as members of the court in the case named by reason of challenges, viz., Capt. John B. Kerr, 6th Cav.; Capt. William Stanton, 6th Cav.; Capt. John C. Dent, 20th Inf.; Capt. Frederick D. Sharp, 20th Inf.; 2d Lieut. Charles C. Smith, 20 Inf. (S. O. 162, D. Mo., Sept. 18.)

At Fort Wayne, Mich., Oct. 5. Detail: Col. Simon Snyder, 19th Inf.; Lieut. Col. Justus M. Brown, Deputy Surg. Gen.; Maj. Charles D. Viele, 1st Cav.; Maj. Clarence E. Bennett, 19th Inf.; Capt. Charles T. Witherell, 19th Inf.; Capt. John G. Leefe, 19th Inf.; Capt. Benjamin Munday, Asst. Surg.; Capt. Allyn Capron, 1st Art.; Capt. Otto L. Hein, 1st Cav.; Capt. Alexander McC. Guard, 19th Inf.; Capt. Robert P. Wainwright, 1st Cav.; Capt. William P. Evans, 19th Inf.; Capt. Edmund D. Smith, 19th Inf.; Lieut. Col. John W. Clous, Deputy Judge

Adv. Gen., Judge Advocate. (S. O. 161, D. Mo., Sept. 17.)

At the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 16. Detail: Maj. John A. Darling, 5th Art.; Capt. Benjamin K. Roberts, 5th Art.; Capt. Elbridge R. Hills, 5th Art.; Capt. John McClellan, 5th Art.; Capt. Oliver E. Wood, 5th Art.; 1st Lieut. Thomas R. Adams, Q. M., 5th Art.; 2d Lieut. Charles P. Summerall, 5th Art.; 2d Lieut. Louis R. Burgess, 5th Art., Judge Advocate. (S. O. 108, D. C., Sept. 12.)

LATE ARMY ORDERS.

G. O. No. 43, H. Q. A., Sept. 18 is modified to require the 5th Artillery to take the stations of the 1st; the 1st those of the 3d, and the 3d those of the 5th. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

Lieut. J. C. F. Tillson, 5th Inf., is attached to Company F, (5th Infantry, Fort McPherson, Sept. 16.)

Leave for one month on surgeon's certificate of disability, is granted Capt. George S. Young, 7th Inf., Fort Logan, Col. (S. O. 77, Sept. 15.)

1st Lieut. George W. Kirkman, 8th Inf., is relieved from further duty with the 1st Infantry, now on practice march at Glenwood, Cal. He will proceed thence to Benicia Barracks, Cal., en route to join his regiment. (S. O. 112, D. C., Sept. 18.)

The following transfers in the 18th Infantry are made: 1st Lieut. Fielder M. M. Beall, from Co. D to C; 1st Lieut. John C. Gregg, from Co. C to K; 1st Lieut. Edson A. Lewis, from Co. K to D. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

1st Lieut. George E. French, 4th Inf., will report to the Governor of Idaho, Boise City, Idaho, for temporary duty with the National Guard of that State. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

Leave for one month, to take effect upon the expiration of his graduating leave, is granted 2d Lieut. Francis G. Smith, 14th Inf. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

Maj. John V. Lauderdale, Surg., will repair to his home upon the arrival of Maj. Egon A. Koerber, Surg., at Fort Crook, Nrb., and is authorized, for his own convenience, to await retirement. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

Capt. Charles H. Ingalls, Asst. Q. M., having been examined by a board of officers and found physically disqualified for the duties of a Major and Quartermaster, by reason of disability incident to the service, is retired from active service as a Major, to date from Sept. 22, 1896, the date he would have been promoted to that grade, by reason of seniority, if found qualified. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

Capt. Crosby P. Miller, Asst. Q. M., upon the expiration of his present leave will proceed from Pomfret, Vt., to Fort Ethan Allen, Vt.; Plattsburg Barracks, N. Y.; Fort Adams, R. I.; and Fort Hancock, N. J., on official business pertaining to construction at the posts named. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

The leave granted Maj. William A. Rafferty, 2d Cav., is extended one month. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

The following changes in the stations and duties of officers of the Quartermaster's Department are ordered: Capt. Oscar F. Long, Asst. Q. M., from duty at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal., by a line officer to be designated by the Commanding General, Department of California, and will report at the general depot of the Quartermaster's Department at San Francisco, Cal., for assignment to duty at that depot; Capt. Robert R. Stevens, Asst. Q. M., will be relieved from duty at Fort Yellowstone, Wyo., by a line officer to be designated by the Commanding Officer of that post, and will report at once to the Commanding General, Department of California, for assignment to duty as Quartermaster at the Presidio of San Francisco, Cal. (H. Q. A., Sept. 23.)

Leave for seven days is granted Capt. A. H. Merrill, 1st Art. (Fort Slocum, Sept. 23.)

Lieut. M. R. Peterson, 7th Inf., is attached to Co. A, 6th Inf. (Fort Thomas, Sept. 21.)

Lieut. H. A. Reed, 2d Art., is appointed Q. M. and Commy. of Post. (Fort Schuyler, Sept. 23.)

Corp. C. Stambaugh, G, 6th Inf., has been promoted Sergeant and Lance Corp. J. H. Moore appointed Corporal.

Capt. Peter R. Egan, Asst. Surg., ordered to temporary duty as attending surgeon and examiner recruits in New York City until the arrival of Capt. Charles Richard, Asst. Surg.; 2d Lieut. Frank K. Ferguson, 3d Art., transferred from Battery D to Battery M, of that regiment. The court martial ordered by Gen. Merritt to convene at Fort Wayne, Ind., on Oct. 5, of which Col. Snyder, 19th Inf., was president, and Lieut. Col. Clover, Judge Adv., is for the trial of Capt. W. M. Williams, U. S. A., retired on charges involving indebtedness. (H. Q. A., Sept. 24.)

On and after Sept. 22 the wearing of the summer white dress authorized in par. 3, G. O. 25, current series, from these headquarters, will be discontinued at the Artillery School, Fort Monroe, Va.

A dispatch of Sept. 24 from El Paso says: "A general call to arms was sounded at Fort Bliss at 4 A. M. Sept. 24, and in half an hour one troop of cavalry and three companies of infantry had boarded a special train and were going up the river in command of Col. Van Valzah. The troops are now marching through the Bosque, and Mexican cavalymen are stationed at the south end to capture any one trying to escape. This activity is owing to the report that a band of 200 armed Mexicans were up the river fourteen miles above El Paso, preparing to swoop down on Juarez and capture the Mexican Custom House."

ONE SMELL OF POWDER ENOUGH.

(From the New York "Mail and Express.")

At a "war correspondents' night" at the Twilight Club, thirteen or fourteen years ago, the late Henry J. Winsor told this story:

"Down in Florida in '63 there came a fresh, spick and span New England regiment. There were other regiments there, veterans, with ragged uniforms or no uniforms at all, slouch hats and toothless shoes, and this new regiment, with its new uniforms and immaculate arms, attracted attention. The Colonel and his staff had never smelled powder and were anxious for a fight. They were restive in camp, and sought information of the plans of campaign from the commanding officer."

"All this made the battle-worn veterans smile. After a month or two of ease, orders were received to send two regiments out on a short expedition. The new troop was one of the two that were selected. It was a beautiful December morning. The air was crisp and invigorating, and the horses pranced as they cantered down the road away from camp and into the enemy's country. At the foot of the hill ran a shallow river, bordered by a thick growth of wood, and into this the road ran. Just as the officers who led the march forded the stream they were met with a deadly volley from the trees. They had come into an ambush. Six men were shot from their horses, and the rest galloped wildly back to rejoin the troop. After the skirmish was over the veteran Colonel asked the new one what he thought of war now."

"War is an awful thing, isn't it? Then he waited a minute. 'Say, Colonel,' he asked, 'isn't there any way this blamed thing can be compromised?'"

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The "St. James' Gazette," a London paper, in a re-
cent article, commenting upon the indifference of the Eu-
ropean powers in regard to the Turkish massacres, pro-
poses an alliance between the United States and Great
Britain, in which Italy might possibly join. "Alone
among the nations of the earth," the "Gazette" says,
"the Americans can understand the impulses driving a
free people into war in order to rescue the oppressed. If
the three powers mentioned should present a joint de-
mand to the government at Constantinople, it is improb-
able that any serious employment of force would be nec-
essary."

The military maneuvers held at Goerlitz, Germany, re-
cently, were the most extensive on record in respect of
the number of troops engaged, but they ended in most in-

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glorious style, the heavy rainstorms which prevailed
greatly impeding the movements. Three men were killed
by the artillery, one man was crushed to death under a
gun at Pomvietz, a lancer and his horse were killed by
falling into a quarry, and another man lost his life by
falling from his horse and impaling himself upon his
lance.

HISTORY OF THE ARMY.

Seven years ago, on the 10th of November, 1889, Gen.
H. L. Abbot, Chairman Publication Committee, Military
Service Institution, sent a circular letter to each Chief
of Staff Corps and Regimental Commander, asking for
assistance in preparing for publication in the journal of
the institution historical sketches of the regiments, staff
corps, and staff departments of the Army. The work
of supervising the publication of the valuable material
thus obtained was intrusted to Gen. Theodore S. Roden-
bough, U. S. A., and Maj. William B. Haskin, 1st Art.,
U. S. A. The final result of the labor of these officers
appears in the form of a handsome octavo volume pub-
lished by Maynard Merrill & Co., New York, entitled
"The Army of the United States; Historical Sketches
of Staff and Line with Portraits of Generals-in-Chief."
The statement concerning this work, contained in an in-
troduction by Nelson A. Miles, Maj. Gen. Commanding
the Army, will meet with the concurrence of every offi-
cer. Gen. Miles says: "It is with pleasure that I avail
myself of an opportunity to commend this effort of the
Military Service Institution to provide an authentic and
condensed account of the services of the Army, from
the creation of our military establishment to the present
day. Each staff corps and regiment of the line has here
its chosen historian and its modest memoir replete with
biographical as well as historical data. Its form gives
it a unique character of special value as a work of refer-
ence. It represents the completion of a series of his-
torical sketches which have appeared from time to time
during the last few years in the journal of the Military
Service Institution of the United States, and comprises
an amount of gratuitous labor by contributors and of
public spirit on the part of the publishers that merits
public acknowledgment. I have no hesitation in saying
that it deserves a place in every public library, and is
worthy of preservation by all collectors of military
works."

Following this introduction is an excellent article on
"Esprit de Corps," by Capt. Charles F. King, U. S. A.
The articles on the staff corps and departments are by
Gen. J. B. Fry, Maj. J. P. Sanger, Col. J. W. Clous,
Capt. O. F. Long, Gen. J. W. Barriger, Maj. Chas.
Smart, Col. A. B. Carey, Gen. H. L. Abbot, Maj. C.
E. Dutton, and Capt. Wm. A. Glassford. The sketches
of the several regiments of cavalry in order of their
numbers are by Capt. R. P. P. Wainwright, Maj. A. E.
Bates and Capt. E. J. McClelland, Capt. Chas. Mor-
ton, Gen. T. F. Rodenbough, Capt. Eben Swift, Capt.
Wm. H. Carter, Maj. E. A. Garlington, Capt. C. M.
O'Connor, Lieut. Grote Hutcheson and Capt. John Bige-
low, Jr. Maj. W. L. Haskin, Lieut. W. A. Simpson,
Lieut. W. E. Birkhimer, Lieut. A. B. Dyer and Lieut.
J. C. Bush give us the history of the several regiments
of artillery. The histories of the 1st and 5th Regiments
of Infantry were prepared in the office of the Military
Service Institution. For the others we are indebted to
these gentlemen: Lieut. W. M. Wright, Lieut. J. H.
McRae, Lieut. J. A. Leyden, Lieut. Chas. Byrne, Lieut.
A. B. Johnson, Lieut. R. H. Wilson, Capt. E. B. Rob-
ertson, Capt. S. Y. Seyburn, Maj. J. H. Patterson and
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N. Coe, Capt. Fred H. E. Ebstein, Capt. O. M. Smith,
Lieut. J. K. Thompson, Capt. H. W. Hovey and Capt.
George Andrews.

As these several sketches have already appeared in
print they are familiar to most of our readers, but it is
well that they should be gathered together in this form
for permanent reference. The volume is illustrated by
fine likenesses of the seventeen general officers com-
manding the Army during the last 107 years, commencing
with Josiah Harmer and ending with Nelson Apple-
ton Miles. As Capt. King says in his article, "Regi-
mental histories are few and far between. Young officers
entering the service to-day look in vain in the dusty
shelves of the regimental library, for some book or
pamphlet, which will give them an inkling of the past
service of the command with which their lot is to be
cast until they have doubled the years of the life now so
full of enthusiasm. Finding nothing they apply to some
gray-beard among the field of officers or captains. 'Tell
me something of the service of 'Steenth. Where was it
during the war?' And in nine cases out of ten he will
come away disappointed. 'I don't know. I wasn't with
it during the war. The 'ath was my regiment then.' Or, 'I
was commanding a brigade of volunteers. I don't
know who can tell you, unless you ask old Spigots, yon-
der. Seems to me he was Regimental Quartermaster in
those days.' There is many a reason why our officers
have not been to blame in this matter. The reorganiza-
tion of '71 resulted in such a shaking up and reshaking
that, as one gallant soldier of the 'old Army remarked in
answer to a query: 'What regiment do I belong to? Well,
I have been borne on the rolls of four different ones in
the last sixty days, and I'm d—d if I know what to re-
port to.'"

SHIPBUILDING IN THE UNITED STATES.

Mr. Charles S. Cramp, the head of the great Philadel-
phia shipbuilding establishment, while in Washington this
week, gave this interesting talk to a local reporter con-
cerning the progress and prospects of the shipbuilding
industry in this country:

"There is a vast difference," said Mr. Cramp, "between
the art of shipbuilding and its commercial side. The
United States has always excelled Great Britain in the
art, and it does to-day. Commercially speaking, though,
the case is different. The range between prosperity and
lack of prosperity is something startling. Shipbuilding
in the United States has suffered from lack of com-
mercial success heretofore, and the reason has been largely
due to adverse restrictions, and the neglect of the Gov-
ernment to foster the industry or render it direct or indi-
rect assistance.

"The English government has always aided her ship-
building enterprises by the maintenance of a large navy.

"England has always paid high prices for her battle-
ships, and her patronage of private ship yards has
amounted indirectly to a subsidy. In this way the yards
which built England's navy acquired a prestige that could
have been obtained in no other way.

"Not that we are less capable of turning out first-class
vessels in this country. It is simply that we have not
heretofore had the encouragement. I have frequently
had people ask me whether my grandfather was not a
Scotchman, simply because I am a shipbuilder. There
are many people who do not seem to realize that ship-
building is an American as well as an English art.
Not only has America excelled England in the art, but
France and Spain have also at times outstripped her. In
the long run, however, the English yards have held their
own because of government patronage.

"Latterly, the Government of the United States has
been indirectly aiding the art by the construction of a
Navy, and every battleship it builds tends to establish
the art on a firmer basis. While this policy has not
been long in operation, it has already had a beneficial
effect. It takes a long time for the benefit arising from
such measures to be felt. The benefit is not instantane-
ous, like that derived from the tariff on iron or wool.
Great commercial successes are the result of long-contin-
ued preparation and control.

"Within the last two years we have turned out the St.
Paul and St. Louis, the two finest merchant ships afloat.
Suppose the Government had put its present policy into
operation twenty years ago? Commercially, we would
have been that much further advanced. The construc-
tion of the St. Paul and St. Louis was in a measure
aided by previous indirect assistance given by the Gov-
ernment in the production of its naval vessels. The con-
struction of the Government vessels naturally extended
our facilities, and left us better prepared for future work.

"Incidentally, the construction of a big vessel brings
into use more of the trades than any other undertaking.
There are thirty different trades employed directly in the
construction of a vessel in the yards, while indirectly
there are perhaps a hundred and one different crafts
which contribute to the work of building a vessel to a
greater or less degree. We have employed at times from
5,000 to 6,000 men in our yards, and they make up the
highest type of workmen in the United States."

Three vessels will be placed in commission before the
close of the present year. These are the Brooklyn, Pur-
itan and Petrel. According to the progress reports re-
ceived at the Bureau of Construction and Repair, all
three of these ships will be ready for their officers and
men by Dec. 1. Other vessels being overhauled, rebuilt,
or repaired at the Mare Island Navy Yard will, accord-
ing to reports of yard officials, be ready for commission
next year as follows: Baltimore, April; Charleston,
July; Concord, May; Hartford, September; Mohican,
April; Pensacola, March; Ranger, September.

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WHEELING ACROSS THE CONTINENT.

We have already briefly referred to the bicycle relay race across the continent from San Francisco to New York. The affair, however, was sufficiently important to merit a more extended notice. The race was organized by two newspapers, the San Francisco Examiner and the New York Journal, and was aided by the War Department, the Post Office Department and the great railroad systems along the route. The distance was 3,400 miles, and was divided into 220 relays, the average length of each, therefore, being about fifteen and a half miles. To each section were appointed two riders, one of whom carried the package, while the other was a companion, or, rather, follower, called a trailer, who was to aid him and take his place should he be disabled.

No fewer than 400 wheels were provided, which were distributed along the route. The relay men were furnished with blankets and provisions wherever the relays could not be divided so that posts would come in towns or settlements. The courier carried a stout leather satchel, slung by a strap across his shoulders, and within was a sealskin case containing a sealed envelope, and in that a gold plate, on which was engraved a message from the Presidio at San Francisco to Gen. Ruger at Governors Island. On one side of the case was a strip of parchment, to be signed by Governors of States through which the relays should pass. Some local postmasters also, under the instruction of the department at Washington, placed their signatures and stamps upon the letter.

The letter started on the 25th of August, and thirteen days later reached New York, the distance of 3,400 miles having been covered at the average speed of about eleven miles an hour. Considering that this speed was maintained during night and day, and included so many transfers of the package, and that much of the journey took place over rough dirt roads, in some cases over old migrant trails, and with steep hill climbing for hundreds of miles, rainstorms sometimes turning the roads to mud, it was certainly a fine performance.

A speed of over twenty miles an hour was obtained for stretches of from ten to twenty miles on the good roads, but the honors of the trip really belong to those who achieved success under trying circumstances in bad roads and in storms and on rough grades. One courier and his trailer, riding at night, in a blinding rainstorm, plunged into the river, as the bridge had been washed away a few hours before they reached the crossing. They had to fish out their wheels with a fence rail, having a spike driven through it, and then rode thirty-six miles to a telegraph station. One trailer gave out in a ride across the alkali desert, and his courier, after finishing forty-three miles, sent back to give him aid. Two ranges of lofty mountains, the Sierra Nevada and Rocky, were crossed.

Taken together with the achievement of the 25th Inf. Bicycle Corps, which we have already described at length, this ride across the continent furnishes new evidence of the value of the wheel as a means of rapid promotion for dispatch carrying and presumably for other military purposes. It is a promising sign for the future of the wheel as a military appliance for our own army that Gen. Miles has from the first been an ardent advocate of it, and has even gone so far as to recommend special organization of wheelmen amounting to a regiment in numbers. In foreign countries, as shown by this year's maneuvers, as well as by those that have preceded them in former years, the value of the bicycle for military purposes is completely established. The chief aim now seems to be to improve portable bicycles in such a way that they may be taken apart rapidly and transferred to the backs of the riders, so as to pass over any obstacles and to remove all objections to their use in military service.

THE BANCROFT AND THE PORTE.

It is quite out of the question for British newspapers to talk of a joint demonstration by the English and American fleets in the Mediterranean against Constantinople. One of the most cherished maxims of our policy, which has come down to us from the days of Washington, is to avoid "entangling alliances" with European nations.

The Bancroft is simply designed to act as our guardship at Constantinople, provided the Porte will consent to let her so act. She is a small vessel, carrying a small main battery of only four four-inch guns, and, therefore, comes within the limit of armament which the Porte has set for European guardships in the Golden Horn. The objection hitherto made to our having a ship stationed there is that this is a privilege only to be granted to the co-signatories of the treaties of Paris and London in regard to the Dardanelles. That is a ground that our State Department has never admitted to be valid, although it has always, as an act of courtesy, asked the permission of the Sultan for the passage of American warships through the straits.

In sending the little Bancroft to the Mediterranean we have shown a desire to meet all reasonable objections to having an American guardship at Constantinople, and it is to be supposed that the treaty powers will not object in such times as these to our enjoying that privilege. Meanwhile we observe that at a meeting held a few nights ago in Shoreditch to protest against the massacre of Christians by Turks, Mr. John Bowles, of the House of Commons, said that he was authorized by the Foreign Office to say that Great Britain was confronted by an agreement between the three powers that if she attacked Turkey on any excuse or pretext she would have to face that combination. Mr. Bowles concluded that if she fired a single shot or took action alone it would mean that at that moment there would be a European war.

After the riots and massacres that have recently occurred at Constantinople and with the prospect of a serious crisis in the Ottoman Empire, there is all the more reason why we should be allowed to have a guardship at that port.

HONORS TO SIR EDWARD REED.

One of the pleasant features of the visit to this country of Sir Edward Reed, K. C. B., was the dinner given to him at the Metropolitan Club, New York, on the evening of Sept. 21, by Capt. W. H. Jaques, late U. S. N. The public reputation of Capt. Jaques, and his professional relations, enabled him to bring together at this magnificent club house a company of gentlemen who are in the highest degree representative of naval and nautical interests, all of whom delighted to do honor to the Englishman who has done so much to promote the scientific development of the ship-building industry. Among those invited to the dinner were: Ex-Secretary Whitney, ex-Secretary Chandler, Assistant Secretary McAdoo, Comdr. Chadwick, Engineer-in-Chief Melville, Chief Constructor Hichborn and Commo. Matthews, representing the Navy Department. Others of the Navy were Rear Adml. Meade, Commo. Sicard, Capt. Mahon, Capt. Taylor, Lieut. Comdr. Buckingham, Lieut. Comdr. Clover, Lieut. Comdr. Delehanty, Lieut. Kimball, Lieut. Aaron Ward, Chief Engineer Loring, Naval Constructors Bowles, Fernald and D. W. Taylor. Ship-building and its allied interests were represented by Wm. H. Webb, Vernon H. Brown, Andrew Carnegie, H. M. Cramp, James S. Doran, H. C. Frick, Clement Griscom, C. P. Huntington, Gen. Hyde, Chas. Kirchhoff, John G. A. Leishman, Jacob W. Miller, Lewis Nixon, Calvin B. Orcutt, N. F. Palmer, Jr., Geo. W. Quintard, T. F. Rowland, Irving M. Scott, Henry T. Scott, Horace See and R. M. Thompson. Among the other gentlemen invited were Gen. Miles, representing the Army; Hon. Chas. A. Bontelle, Gov. Griggs, of New Jersey; Abram S. Hewitt, Thomas Nast, Gen. Anson G. McCook, Gen. F. A. Walker, Col. Wm. C. Church, Col. Gilder, Col. Hunsiker, Maj. W. H. Wiley, E. J. Berwind, V. F. Lissos, Daniel Lord, A. F. Matthews, Jos. K. McCammon, C. Lamar Murphy, A. H. Paget, Geo. Pierce, and Giles H. Taintor. Not all of these gentlemen were able to attend, but those who were not sent letters expressing their high appreciation of the services of Sir Edward Reed.

Certainly there is no Englishman who more justly deserves honor from the class of men represented at the hospitable table of Capt. Jaques. By his services as Chief Constructor of the British Navy, from 1863 to 1870, by his labors in Parliament, and through the press, by his published works, and by his speeches before representative public bodies, he has done more probably than any other man to establish sound principles in naval construction. As his views have usually been in accord with those of the "Army and Navy Journal," we naturally have a high opinion of this soundness of judgment. He has shown himself to be a man of great ingenuity, energetic, progressive and patriotic. England owes much to his naval skill; so do Germany, Japan and Chili, all of whom have availed themselves of his wonderful mastery of ship-building construction under the most difficult of all conditions—those impressed by the necessities of attack and defense upon the unstable medium of the sea. In his able speech before the company assembled around the table at the Metropolitan Club on Monday night Sir Edward expressed sentiments of the most cordial good will toward the United States, and of interest in the growth of the American Navy, and these friendly sentiments were reciprocated by the host of the evening, Capt. Jaques, and the other speakers, A. G. McCook, G. W. Melville, Montgomery Sicard, Francis T. Bowles, W. C. Church, H. C. Frick, Gen. Hyde, Chief Engineer Loring, A. F. Matthews, J. W. Miller, Thos. Nast, Lewis Nixon, R. M. Thompson, and Aaron Ward. We must

not forget to mention the presence at the dinner of another guest, Prof. J. H. Biles. The speeches brought to light many interesting facts concerning the past advances in naval construction and its future possibilities. As Sir Edward showed, with the modern mastery of material and methods the size of our ships is limited only by the size of the docks into which they must go at times for repairs.

As far as can be learned at the War Department no officer has yet been selected to succeed Col. W. Ludlow, Corps of Engineers, recently Military Attaché at London. It is safe to say that the place will not be filled by an engineer officer. There has been no increase in the Engineer Corps since 1863. The work of the corps has steadily increased, and at present the engineers have more work before them than ever before. The work of coast defenses is receiving special attention at present, and contracts involving the expenditure of five or six million dollars will soon be awarded. They include contracts for gun forgings, the manufacture of a number of rifles and the purchase of material with which to begin the preparation of the various sites for seacoast batteries. Land for emplacements in the majority of the cases has been obtained, and where it has not, condemnation proceedings are being taken to secure it. The plans for the defense of the more important cities has been decided upon. The plans will not be made public, and the cities the fortifications are intended to protect will not know the actual number of guns to be mounted or the character of the works until they are nearly completed. Congress has allowed \$12,000,000 for the protection of the larger and more important cities from sea attack. The 16-inch rifle, now under construction, is intended solely for such fortifications.

A writer in a recent number of the "Revista Nautica" remarks that all the great naval powers have been experimenting with petroleum fuel. In 1893 many of the Italian warships carried a supply of astatki to be used as an adjunct to their ordinary fuel supply, while many of the torpedo boats were fitted to use it exclusively. England is said to have made the most progress in this line, and Russia, to whom the matter is of special importance, owing to her enormous supplies of petroleum, comes second. The advantages of the liquid comprise a reduction in the weight and volume of combustible required for a given horse-power in the engines, giving an increased radius of action. The oil, moreover, can be stored, for the most part, below the water line, out of the way of shells. There is no fear of spontaneous combustion of the oil, such as occasionally occurs in the case of coal; and being free from sulphur, the oil fuel is not likely to deteriorate the boiler shell or tubes. The operation of firing is extremely easy with petroleum, and once the draught is properly adjusted there is no steam or tell-tale flame from the funnels of the boat. The furnace doors can be kept closed, thus avoiding the rush of cold air on to the boiler which occurs every time fresh coal is placed on the furnace grate. The taking in of fresh supplies of fuel is also extremely simple, and can be carried out successfully in mid-ocean and in rough weather. The evaporative power of the oil is, weight for weight, superior to that of coal.

The preparations of Spain for increasing her fleet are certainly suggestive. She has arranged for the construction in England of a 10,500-ton battleship and a 6,500 ton cruiser. Then a 20-knot 1,800 ton cruiser is to be ordered in England, as are also two torpedo destroyers. For the battleship and the large cruiser "the matter of quick delivery is made a stringent condition," while only a year and a half is to be allowed for the delivery of the smaller cruiser. It is out of the question to suppose that a big battleship is needed for use in the Cuban war, as the islanders have no navy. Spain is particularly lacking in battleships, and under ordinary circumstances it would not seem strange for her to buy a big one; but, on the other hand, it would appear that the tremendous expenses of the revolts in the Antilles and the Philippines would lead her to postpone military and naval additions not needed or useful in these operations. Instead of that she not only wants a battleship of rather more displacement than our Indiana, but wants it as soon as may be.

The river forces of the British Egyptian expedition, pushing up the Nile from El Hafir, landed a force at Dongola on Sept. 20, and occupied that place before the Dervish forces, retreating from El Hafir, reached that point. El Hafir and Dongola are, therefore, both in the hands of the expedition, while the Dervish forces are seeking a refuge.

The losses of the expedition, it is reported, were one man killed and twelve wounded, despite the enemy's hot fire. The Maxim guns were manned by the Connaught Rangers, and, it is said, did terrible execution.

One of the most striking things noted during the fight was the long range of the enemy's Remington rifles. At a distance of 1,200 yards they were able to do a deal of damage, and some of their bullets struck at least 2,000 yards from the point of firing.

Herr Krupp has dismissed all of the foreign workmen in his gun-making works at Essen upon the ground of his alleged discovery that they have betrayed the secrets of the manufacture of Krupp guns to persons who were interested in other factories.

Our readers will have noticed that the date on the first page of last week's "Journal" was incorrect. It should have been September 19 instead of September 12. The dates on the other fifteen pages were correctly given.

RECENT DEATHS.

A few weeks ago we referred to the good fortune of Col. William B. Hughes, Assistant Quartermaster General U. S. A., in obtaining his promotion to Colonel prior to the date of his retirement for age on October 13 next. Alas! we have now to report his death, which occurred at Baltimore, Md., Sept. 22, of rupture of the heart artery. He was appointed to the Military Academy from Tennessee; was graduated in 1856 and promoted to the 4th Inf. and afterwards to the 9th Inf. In 1863 he was appointed Captain and Assistant Quartermaster. His service during the war, 1861-65, was mainly in the Northwest, where he was stationed when the war broke out. He attained the grade of Colonel and A. Q. M. G. a few weeks ago, and at the time of his death was on duty as Deputy Quartermaster at Baltimore.

Dr. Francis Asbury Shoup, who died recently at Columbia, Tenn., was graduated from West Point in 1855, promoted to the 1st Art. and resigned in 1860. He joined the Confederate Army and rose to the rank of Brigadier General.

Mrs. Sally Alberson, who died Sept. 20, near Colbert, Tex., aged 115 years, was the wife of Chief Alberson, who was in the Creek war with Gen. Jackson in 1812. She leaves great-grandchildren who are more than 50 years old.

Capt. Thomas Britton, U. S. A., retired, who died Sept. 21 at San Diego, Cal., was born in England; was brought to this country when a child, and served during the Mexican War as a private of Kentucky Inf. He enlisted in the 6th U. S. Inf. in 1848, rose to Ordnance Sergeant, and 1862 was appointed 2d Lieutenant 6th U. S. Inf. He served with credit and efficiency during the war, and was brevetted 1st Lieutenant and Captain for gallantry at Gettysburg. He declined a Captaincy in the 39th Inf. in 1866, and in 1872 was promoted Captain 6th Inf. He was retired at his own request July 16, 1889.

Lieut. Charles F. Norton, U. S. N., retired, who died in Chicago Sept. 18, enlisted when fourteen years old in his father's company of Colorado Volunteers, and six months later, in 1863, was discharged to accept an appointment to the Naval Academy. During his period of active service he had more than the average share at sea. At the time of the Hawaiian troubles he was executive officer of the Adams. Following the cruise his health failed and he was placed on the retired list October 3, 1895, "for incapacity resulting from incident of service."

Lieut. George Duff, U. S. A., retired, who died Sept. 22, at Port Huron, Mich., of apoplexy, had an excellent record. He served during the entire war as enlisted man and officer of Pennsylvania Volunteers and received the brevet of 1st Lieutenant for gallantry. In 1866 he was appointed 2d Lieutenant of the 43d U. S. Inf., afterwards transferred to the 1st Inf., and June 28, 1878, was retired as 1st Lieutenant on account of wounds received in the line of duty.

Gen. A. Mexia, a distinguished officer of the Mexican Army, died recently at his home in Tacubaya, Mexico.

Capt. Addison Barrett, U. S. A., lifelong storekeeper in the Quartermaster's Department, at San Francisco, Cal., died in that city Sept. 22. Capt. Barrett was a native of Massachusetts and a brother-in-law of Asst. Adj. Gen. Saml. Breck, U. S. A. His war record was a very creditable one, and he was brevetted Major Sept. 14, 1865, for faithful and meritorious services. By his death the last of the military storekeepers in the Quartermaster General's Department passes away, and the office becomes extinct. But three other officers of this grade remain in the service, Maj. Wm. H. Rexford, U. S. A., at Springfield (Mass.) Army; Capt. Michael J. Grealish, U. S. A., and Capt. Valentine McNally, U. S. A., all of the Ordnance Department.

Capt. Barrett was first a clerk in the Adjutant General's Office, and was selected by Secretary Stanton in 1864 for an appointment as Commissary of Subsistence of Volunteers. He had a thorough business training, and on account of his efficiency was appointed in 1866, by Secretary Stanton a military storekeeper in the Quartermaster's Department, with the rank of Captain, which place he filled with much credit. While serving in the Quartermaster's Department at Jeffersonville, in charge of the manufacture of clothing and other supplies for the Quartermaster's Department his thorough and systematic business methods won for him much praise. He was an honored elder in the church he attended in Jeffersonville, and also at Alameda. Capt. Barrett was a man of strict integrity, great industry and polite manners. He leaves a widow and several children.

Bids were opened in the Army Ordnance Office on Monday, for 500 cast iron projectiles for field and siege guns and seacoast cannon. The bidders were the Builders' Iron Foundry, of Providence, R. I., the West Point Foundry, of Cold Spring, N. Y., and the Petersburg (Va.) Iron Works. The awards have not yet been announced.

At a recent bicycle meet at the Officers' Club, at Aldershot, England, novelties in the way of bicycle racing were introduced. One of the prettiest was the sash race, in which the ladies stood at one end of the ground, each holding a colored sash. The men started 600 yards away, and, picking up a parcel containing a sash, gave it to the lady holding one of the same color. The two sashes had then to be tied together, and the competitors rode back, two and two, each holding an end.

In the needle-threading race ladies rode to a certain point, where they were met by a partner, who was waiting, with a needle and thread, the needle having to be threaded and given to the lady before she crossed a marked line. Another consisted in the ladies riding to a table, where a specially prepared letter was dictated to her by her partner. As soon as it was written and sealed the gentleman rode off with it to the umpire. Of course, the letter had to be correctly and legibly written, otherwise it was not available, even though the bearer came in first.

A correspondent writes, referring to practice marches: "Would it not be better if camps were not made near towns where the soldiers are to a certain extent on exhibition, and the freedom which prevails during the rest from a day's march cannot be enjoyed as in the less thickly settled parts of the country; where, also, the regular soldier is made to pose as a curiosity and the dispenser of information to satisfy the inquisitiveness of the people in whose neighborhood he is camped?"

The "Army Code Card," referred to in G. O. 32, A. G. O., 1896, has recently been issued by Gen. Greeley, Chief Signal Officer. It is a compact and handy document.

The Chicago "Journal," in a recent statement, says: "A champion has risen up for the Indian in the person of Gen. Miles. The Indian fighter has become the most earnest and aggressive of Indian defenders. This fact and an energetic defense of Gen. Custer are the salient points in the Miles memoirs. In his opinion the red man has distinguished himself as diplomat, statesman and warrior, and may be good even while he is alive."

PRESENTATION OF SILVER SET TO THE INDIANA.

The handsome silver service for the battleship Indiana, subscribed for by the citizens of Indiana, was formally presented to the vessel on the morning of Sept. 21. Gov. Matthews, accompanied by his staff and a delegation of prominent citizens, were conveyed to the Indiana on the U. S. S. Dolphin, on board of which were also Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo and ex-President Harrison and Mrs. Harrison. The party was received with the customary honors, and on board the Indiana were met by Adml. Bunce and Capt. Evans. Gov. Matthews made the presentation speech, and Secretary McAdoo responded in behalf of the officers and men of the Indiana. Ex-President Harrison was called upon for a speech, in the course of which he said:

"It is a great pleasure to witness this magnificent fleet assembled here. When I was in a position to have some influence with the Secretary of the Navy I said to him I wanted the best ship then building named for Indiana, and I think he has followed my advice. A company of Indiana people have come here to-day, having no other feeling than pride in this ship, love of the flag, and confidence in the officers and men she carries. This is a magnificent silver present. Gov. Matthews takes pleasure in the white metal, but we take pleasure in the fact that so much silver will never get into the mint. Here is free silver, Capt. Evans, and in all that this means is Indiana a free silver State. We have wrought wonders in the building of our Navy. When I was a Senator I recall with much regret the partisan jealousy manifested in reconstructing and rebuilding the Navy. It mortified me then, and I rejoice now that we have passed that state of affairs, and that Congress does not pause now to consider whether we have a Democratic or Republican Secretary when asked to build additions to our Navy for fear of building up the Navy yard at election time. We now stand abreast of the great naval constructors of the world. Who says we shall not go beyond them? We are not going to seize other people's countries. We are not a nation of filibusters. But other countries are stretching out. The world is not big enough for them. They have come to the time like that which came to Alexander, when the world was not large enough. There is a hemisphere here in which we have an interest. We have a watermelon, so to speak, and when it is to be sliced we are not going to allow anybody else to eat it all up."

Capt. Evans called for three cheers for the men who gave the Indiana the silver service, which were given with a will.

TRAVELING EXPENSES FOR NAVY OFFICERS.

Acting Controller of the Treasury Edward A. Bowser, has made a decision of interest to all naval officers. The case involved had to do with the payment of traveling expenses of an officer under orders. Ensign W. H. G. Bullard was detached from the Naval Academy in June, 1895, and ordered to report for duty on board the flagship Newark at Montevideo. He proceeded to Rio de Janeiro, where he was ordered to await the arrival of the Newark at that port, directing him to occupy quarters at a hotel meantime. This entailed an expenditure of \$38.72. He submitted register vouchers for these expenses as well as for \$10 paid to stewards while en route to Rio de Janeiro, which were approved by the Secretary of the Navy, but the auditor for the Navy Department took exceptions, and allowed only \$10.33 of the claim, \$5 being on account of the stewards. Appeal was made from this action, with the result that Acting Controller Bowser has allowed the entire claim as approved by the Secretary of the Navy.

In his decision he cites the act of Aug. 5, 1882, which provides that officers of the Navy traveling abroad under orders hereafter issued shall travel by the most direct route, the occasion and necessity for such order to be certified by the officer issuing the same, and shall receive, in lieu of the mileage now allowed by law, only their actual and reasonable expenses, certified under their own signatures and approved by the Secretary of the Navy, and says: The questions to be determined here were whether the claimant while stopping at the hotel at Rio de Janeiro under the above quoted order, "traveling abroad under orders," and if so, were his expenditures there reasonable and also whether the payment of \$10 for steward's fees can be allowed.

It seemed to the Assistant Controller that in the absence of any authority it was but reasonable to hold that the expenses incurred by the officer in paying a hotel bill while awaiting the arrival of a ship under orders are certainly traveling expenses, the officer to be reimbursed as in the case of Selfridge vs. United States. The allowance of the steward's fees was not questioned, on the ground that it is a practice to regard these as an incident to travel, and had been so approved by the Secretary of the Navy, to whose discretion the reasonableness of such charges is left by the act previously cited.

REVENUE CUTTER SERVICE.

Engineer-in-Chief J. W. Collins left Washington, Thursday, on a special trip of inspection to New York and Philadelphia. While away he will inspect the new revenue cutter No. 3, at Cramps' shipyard, Philadelphia. The Revenue Cutter Windom will begin regular cruising Oct. 1. 1st Asst. Engr. C. M. Green, who has been employed in inspection duties at various points, has been ordered to resume his duties in Washington. Practice ship Chase, arrived at Gibraltar on the 14th inst. Advice received on Tuesday report a pleasant trip and all on board well. She was thirty-two days at sea. The Behring Sea fleet broke up at Unalaska on the 18th, and will rendezvous at Puget Sound before proceeding to stations assigned. Vessels on the Southern coast, from Wilmington, N. C., to the Florida capes are busy looking out for Cuban filibusters and preventing the infraction of neutrality laws.

A correspondent writing to the "Army and Navy Journal" from Dutch Harbor, Ariz., Aug. 18, 1896, says: The Grant has just returned from a fourteen days' cruise in the sealing grounds of Behring Sea and leaves at 7 A. M., Aug. 19, for another two weeks' cruise in the sea. Up to date the cutters of the U. S. Patrol Fleet have made five seizures, three British and two American sealing schooners, for violation of the Awar Act. Capt. Hooper and some other officers of the fleet are very enthusiastic over the matter. They were bona fide violations, and it is very likely that all the vessels with full catches of skins in the sea will be confiscated by the government upon trial by the courts. The cutters of the fleet are cruising incessantly in the Awar area and around the Pribilof Islands, and are allowed to come into port only one day in every two weeks for fresh supplies of coal and water. There are now three British cruisers at Unalaska, the Icarus and Satellite having recently arrived from British Columbia to join the Pleasant. Her Majesty's vessels do easy cruising, two of them remaining in port one week while the third is cruising in the sea.

THE NAVY.

H. A. HERBERT, Secretary. Wm. McADOO, Asst. Sec'y.

NAVY GAZETTE.

SEPT. 18.—Ensign A. Rust, detached from the Monterey, ordered home and granted three months' leave. Ensign C. F. Hughes, detached from steel inspection at Munhall, Pa., and ordered to the Monterey Oct. 19. Acting Boatswain J. W. Angus ordered temporarily to the Navy Yard, New York.

SEPT. 19.—Carpenter K. N. A. Mahoney, detached from the New York Navy Yard and ordered to continue treatment at the Naval Hospital, Brooklyn.

SEPT. 22.—Lieut. Comdr. Benjamin F. Tilley, Lieut. William H. Beebler, and Lieut. (Junior Grade) Francis J. Haeseler, ordered to report for examination for promotion Sept. 28.

Asst. Paymr. G. G. Seibels, ordered to the Independence, Oct. 5.

P. A. Surg. G. A. Lung, detached from the Vermont and ordered to Naval Hospital, Chelsea.

P. A. Surg. H. D. Wilson, detached from Chelsea Hospital and ordered to the Bache.

Asst. Surg. M. K. Johnson, detached from the Bache and ordered to the New York.

P. A. Surg. G. H. Barber, ordered to the Naval Academy.

Asst. Surg. F. C. Cook ordered to the Vermont. SEPT. 23.—Carpenter G. W. Davis, ordered to Navy Yard, League Island, Pa., to be ready for sea duty.

SEPT. 24.—Asst. Naval Constr. R. P. Hobson, detached from Navy Yard, New York, Sept. 30, and ordered to Newport News Shipbuilding Company.

P. A. Engr. W. P. Winchell, detached from the enterprise and ordered to the Philadelphia.

P. A. Engr. B. C. Sampson, detached from the Philadelphia, ordered home and granted three months' leave.

VARIOUS NAVAL ITEMS.

The court martial to try Lieut. James E. Mahoney, of the U. S. M. C., on charges of drunkenness, absence without leave, and scandalous conduct was organized, began at Brooklyn Navy Yard on Sept. 21. The court follows: Capt. Silas Casey, Comdrs. R. P. Leary and Timothy A. Lyons, Lieut. Col. McLane Tilton, U. S. M. C.; Lieut. Comdr. Frederick Singer, Capt. Charles F. Williams and E. R. Robinson, U. S. M. C.; Lieuts. J. A. H. Nickels and H. O. Rittenhouse, and Ensign Thomas Washington, Judge Adv. The accused pleaded guilty to three charges—scandalous conduct tending to the injury of good morals, absence without leave, and drunkenness. To the second and third charges he pleaded simply "guilty, without intent;" to the first he pleaded guilty, except for one specification, that he was "incapacitated for the proper performance of his duty as Judge Advocate of the said court." Lt. L. W. T. Waller appeared for him. Testimony was offered to show that Lieut. Mahoney's past record was good and that he had never been convicted of a similar offence.

The new British armored first class battleship Illustrious was successfully launched from the Chatham dock yards Sept. 17. The Illustrious is of 14,900 tons. Her engines will have an indicated horse-power of 12,000, and she will carry sixteen guns.

While the U. S. S. Massachusetts was at Newport, R. I., recently a searchlight trial was arranged against torpedo boat Cushing, Lieut. Smith. The weather was favorable for the searchlight, but the result showed, just as the trials against the Maine did, that the battleship is at a disadvantage under the rules as laid down. The Cushing first came in from beyond the Dumpings, straight for the ship. She was picked up by the searchlight about the limit of view, but coming on with full speed the torpedo boat was able to run out her distance and signal the firing of her three torpedoes before the time limit expired. On the second attempt the Cushing steamed up along the Jamestown shore, and was within torpedo shooting distance of the battleship before she was discovered. Both trials were, under the rules, victories for the torpedo boat.

The vessels of the North Atlantic Squadron, under Adml. Bunce, consisting of the New York, Indiana, Massachusetts, Maine, Columbia and Raleigh, returned to their anchorage off Tompkinsville, Staten Island, Sept. 19, from Fishers Island. After taking on coal and provision they were to leave on Sept. 25 for a cruise South, and are due at Hampton Roads about Oct. 1.

Formal awards for the construction of the 11,000-ton battleships for the U. S. Navy, were announced by Assistant Secretary of the Navy McAdoo, on Sept. 19. The Newport News Ship Building Company, of Virginia, was given No. 7, Messrs. Cramps of Philadelphia No. 8, and the Union Iron Works of San Francisco No. 9.

The U. S. S. Philadelphia and Bennington, and the monitors Monterey and Monadnock, which were at Port Angeles, Washington, Sept. 21, are expected to take their departure about the end of the present month. The Philadelphia and Bennington, it is thought, will return to San Francisco, while the two monitors will probably remain for the present in Puget Sound. The San Francisco, it is thought, may be sent to the South Pacific after her return to San Francisco.

The U. S. S. Omaha, at Mare Island, Cal., has been turned over by the Navy Department to the Secretary of the Treasury for use as a quarantine vessel. She will be stationed at California City, Cal. The old man-of-war has been provided with hot-air tanks for the fumigation of bedding and clothing, and with a lot of bathtubs. A house has been erected over the main deck, so that in all respects the vessel is housed in. The Omaha last saw service in Chinese waters, and was considered one of the handsomest of the old corvette type of ships.

The insanitary condition of the Navy Yard at League Island, due to bad drainage, is said to have caused a number of cases of typhoid fever. Surg. Siegfried, of the battleship Massachusetts, has reported that on Aug. 31 he had been compelled to transfer from the ship to the Brooklyn Hospital the fifth case of typhoid fever since that vessel was commissioned at League Island on June 10 last. The battleship Indiana, also fitted out at League Island, has had sixteen cases of typhoid develop aboard. Surg. Siegfried attributes the disease to the bad drainage of Philadelphia and the condition of that part of the city nearest League Island, and recommends that no ships be commissioned or fitted there until the conditions are changed. Surg. Gen. Tryon, in his indorsement on the report, corroborates the statements, and adds that the four cases of typhoid which developed this summer on the Bancroft were directly traceable to the Schuylkill water supply. It is said at the Navy Department that the Dolphin invariably develops cases of malaria after leaving the Washington yard, which is at a focus of sewers.

The official report of the trial of the U. S. S. Brooklyn, which took place Aug. 27, was submitted on Tuesday by Commo. Dewey. The general conclusions of the board are that the vessel is sufficiently strong, and is complete and ready for delivery, except for several items, the most

important of which relate to ordnance equipments. The steering gear worked well and the vessel exhibited good tactical qualities. The time of putting the helm hard over from amidship thirty-five degrees was fifteen seconds, and from hard over one way to hard over the other way, sixty-five degrees, was twenty-three seconds. The angle of keel was five degrees. The time occupied in making the total run of 41.5 knots north is given as 1 hour, 52 minutes and 26.34 seconds, and the 83 knots running south 3 hours, 47 minutes and 8.86 seconds. The tidal corrections made the distance through the water 82,953.0 knots, and the mean speed of the Brooklyn 21.9117. During the first run the maximum revolutions of the starboard engine were 138; port, 139; average revolutions, 136.4 for starboard; port, 137.2. For the second run the maximum revolution of the starboard engine were 138.06; port, 140; average revolutions, 136 starboard; 136.5 port. There was no opportunity of observing the behavior of the Brooklyn in heavy weather, the sea being smooth during the whole time of her absence from Philadelphia, Aug. 22 to 29.

Lieut. Comdr. Charles O. Allibone, U. S. N., executive officer of the cruiser Columbia, has been admonished by Acting Secretary of the Navy McAdoo for using harsh language toward Acting Boatswain James Dwyer, one of the warrant officers of the Columbia. The matter was brought to the attention of the Navy Department by Dwyer's resignation a few weeks ago. The previous good character of the young seaman and his devotion to the service led the Department to suspect that he had concealed some reasons for his action, and he was requested to inform the Department if such were not the case. In his reply Dwyer alleged that the treatment he had received on board the Columbia at the hands of Lieut. Comdr. Allibone had made life on shipboard unendurable. The executive officer of the Columbia, being called upon by the Department to make answer to this charge, replied, according to one statement, that differences had existed between himself and Dwyer, but denied that the language he used was profane. His explanation did not satisfy the Acting Secretary, who accordingly wrote a long letter of reprimand, admonishing him that abusive language toward enlisted men is in violation of the regulations, and that it is the duty of superior officers to treat their subordinates with courtesy and consideration.

The apprentices of the U. S. S. Raleigh beat those of the Indiana in a three-mile straightway race for ten-oared cutters in New York Harbor on Sept. 25, by six boat lengths.

The Navy Department, it is understood, has decided to convert one of the 1,000-ton composite gunboats now building into a practice ship for naval cadets, to take the place of the Bancroft, which has gone to the Mediterranean, and will continue to be used for cruising purposes, probably finding her way to Chinese waters for service in the small rivers of the Orient.

VESSELS OF THE U. S. NAVY IN COMMISSION.

(The letters in parentheses following the name of the commanding officer denote the station or service to which the vessel is assigned.)

NORTH ATLANTIC STATION.—Rear Adm. F. M. Bunce. Itinerary of maneuvers officially schedules the squadron to arrive at Tompkinsville Sept. 19, leave Sept. 25; arrive Hampton Roads, Oct. 1, leave Oct. 5, arrive Tompkinsville Oct. 14; ready for sea again on Oct. 20. Address Tompkinsville, Staten Island, N. Y., for the present.

ASIATIC STATION.—Rear Adm. F. V. McNair. Address all mail Yokohama, Japan, unless otherwise noted.

EUROPEAN STATION.—Rear Adm. T. O. Selfridge, Jr. Address, care of B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London, England, unless otherwise noted.

PACIFIC STATION.—Rear Adm. L. A. Beardslee. Address Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal., except where otherwise noted.

SOUTH ATLANTIC STATION.—Capt. Yates Stirling assigned to temporary command. Address, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London, England, unless otherwise noted.

ADAMS, 6 Guns, Comdr. E. W. Watson (p. s.) At Honolulu. Address care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

ALBATROSS (F. C. ves.), Lieut. Comdr. J. F. Moser (s. d.) At San Francisco.

ALERT, 4 Guns, Comdr. F. Hanford (p. s.) Address all mail care of Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal. At San Francisco, Cal.

ALLIANCE, 7 Guns, Comdr. H. N. Manney. (Training-ship.) Sailed from Lisbon Sept. 21, for Madeira. Due at St. Kitts Oct. 23, leave Nov. 24; arrive Newport News, Dec. 10. Address till Sept. 21, U. S. S. Alliance, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London, Eng., from Sept. 21 to Nov. 15, U. S. S. Alliance, St. Kitts, West Indies, via New York, per Quebec S. S. Co. steamers; from Nov. 15, U. S. S. Alliance, Newport News, Va.; left Lisbon for Madeira, Sept. 21.

AMPHITRITE, 6 Guns, Capt. W. C. Wise (n. a. s.) At New York Navy Yard.

BENNINGTON, 6 Guns, Comdr. G. W. Pigman (p. s.) At Port Angeles, Wash.

BANCROFT, 4 Guns, Lieut. Comdr. Chas. Belknap, (e. s.) Sailed from New York Sept. 15 for Turkish waters. Address, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London.

BOSTON, 8 Guns, Capt. Frank Wildes (a. s.) At Chefoo, China.

CASTINE, 8 Guns, Comdr. Thomas Perry (s. a. s.) At Montevideo, Uruguay, Sept. 22. Address, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London, England.

CINCINNATI, 11 Guns, Capt. M. L. Johnson (e. s.) Sailed from Tompkinsville Sept. 18, to relieve the Marblehead on the European station.

COLUMBIA, 11 Guns, Capt. J. H. Sands (n. a. s.) See New York.

CONSTELLATION, Comdr. F. W. Dickens (Training-ship.) Newport, R. I.

CUSHING (Torpedo boat), Lieut. Roy C. Smith (s. d.) Address, Newport, R. I.

DETROIT, 10 Guns, Comdr. Geo. C. Reiter (a. s.) At Chefoo, China.

DOLPHIN (Desp. boat) (s. d.), Lieut. Comdr. R. Clover. At Newport, Sept. 22.

ENTERPRISE, 6 Guns, Lieut. Comdr. Joa. G. Eaton. (Training-ship.) Due at Penobscot Bay Sept. 25. Address, care Board Comrs. Mass. Nautical Training School, State House, Boston, Mass.

ESSEX, 6 Guns, Comdr. E. T. Strong (Training-ship.) Sag Harbor, N. Y. Address Sag Harbor, N. Y.

FERN (Desp. boat), Lieut. Comdr. H. B. Mansfield (n. a. s.) At Navy Yard, New York.

FRANKLIN, 30 Guns, Capt. Silas W. Terry (Receiving-ship.) At Navy Yard, Norfolk, Va.

INDEPENDENCE (Receiving-ship), Capt. C. E. Clark. At Mare Island, Cal. Capt. Louis Kempff ordered to command Oct. 20.

INDIANA, 16 Guns, Capt. Robley D. Evans (n. a. s.) See New York.

KATAHDIN, Ram, Comdr. R. P. Leary (n. a. s.) At Navy Yard, N. Y.

LANCASTER, 12 Guns, Capt. Yates Stirling (s. a. s.) (Flagship.) At Montevideo. Address, care B. F. Stevens, 4 Trafalgar square, London, England.

MACHIAS, 8 Guns, Comdr. Edw. S. Houston (a. s.) At Chemulpo, Sept. 4. Comdr. M. R. S. Mackenzie, ordered to command per steamer, Sept. 3 from San Francisco.

MAINE, 10 Guns, Capt. A. S. Crowninshield (n. a. s.) See New York.

MARBLEHEAD, 10 Guns, Comdr. T. F. Jewell (e. s.) (Flagship.) At Merzina, Syria.

MARION, 8 Guns, Comdr. J. G. Green (p. s.) At Callao, Peru. Address mail, care of U. S. Consul, Panama, U. S. C.

MASSACHUSETTS, 16 Guns, Capt. Frederick Rogers. (n. a. s.) See New York.

MICHIGAN, 4 Guns, Lieut. Comdr. E. H. C. Leutze. At Put-in-Bay, O.

MINNEAPOLIS, 11 Guns, Capt. G. H. Wadleigh (e. s.) (Flagship.) En route from Tangiers for Genoa Sept. 14.

MONADNOCK, 6 Guns (Monitor), Capt. G. W. Sumner (p. s.) Sailed from Victoria, B. C., to Eureka and San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 23.

MONOCACY, 6 Guns, Comdr. W. W. Reisinger (a. s.) At Tien-Tsin, China. Comdr. O. W. Farenholt ordered to command.

MONTEREY, 4 Guns, Capt. N. Ludlow (p. s.) At Mare Island, Cal. for repair. Capt. C. E. Clark ordered to command Sept. 30.

MONTGOMERY, 10 Guns, Comdr. R. B. Bradford (n. a. s.) At New York. See New York.

NEWARK, 18 Guns, Capt. N. H. Farquhar (n. a. s.) At Key West, Fla.

NEW YORK, 18 Guns, Capt. W. S. Schley (n. a. s.) (Flagship.) To sail from Tompkinsville, N. Y., Sept. 25 for sea, proceeding as far as Hampton Roads, Va., where the squadron is due Oct. 1. Will be in port at Tompkinsville, again on Oct. 5.

OLYMPIA, 14 Guns, Capt. J. J. Read (a. s.) (Flagship.) At Yokohama, Japan.

OREGON, 16 Guns, Capt. H. L. Howison (p. s.) At San Francisco, Cal.

PHILADELPHIA, 12 Guns, Capt. C. S. Cotton (p. s.) (Flagship.) At Port Angeles. Address, care of Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

PINTA, 4 Howitzers, Lieut. Comdr. A. R. Couden (s. d.) At Sitka, Alaska, where mail should be addressed. Lieut. Comdr. F. M. Symonds ordered to command Sept. 29.

RALEIGH, 11 Guns, Capt. Merrill Miller (n. a. s.) Same as New York.

RICHMOND, (Receiving-ship), Capt. C. M. Chester. At League Island, Pa.

ST. MARY'S, 8 Guns, Lieut. Comdr. W. L. Field, (Public Marine School.) On her summer cruise. Was to leave Madeira Aug. 31, and arrive home Sept. 30. Address care of Board of Education, New York City.

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 Guns, Capt. E. M. Shepard (e. s.) Sailed from Alexandria for Genoa, Sept. 22.

SARATOGA, Comdr. C. T. Hutchins (Penn school-ship.) On her summer cruise. Was due at Gibraltar, Sept. 10, touching at Madeira en route home, arriving at Delaware Breakwater Oct. 25.

STILETTO, torpedo boat, Lieut. H. Hutchins, Newport, R. I.

TERROR, Monitor, Capt. P. F. Harrington (n. a. s.) At New York Navy Yard.

TEXAS, 8 Guns, Capt. Henry Glass (n. a. s.) At Newport, R. I.

THETIS, 2 Guns, Lieut. Comdr. U. Sebree (s. d.) Arrived at San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 18. Address, care Navy Pay Office, San Francisco, Cal.

VERMONT, 1 Gun, Capt. Silas Casey (Receiving-ship.) At New York Navy Yard.

WABASH, 20 Guns, Capt. A. Kautz (Receiving-ship.) At Boston, Mass.

YORKTOWN, 6 Guns, Comdr. Chas. H. Stockton (n. a.) At Yokohama.

YANTIC, 4 Guns, Lieut. Comdr. F. P. Gilmore (s. a. s.) At Buenos Ayres.

OUR SENSIBLE NAMES.

(From Harper's Weekly.)

The names of nine sister British warships—or brother ships, more properly—lately built or now building, are Majestic, Magnificent, Illustrious, Victorious, Mars, Jupiter, Prince George, Caesar, and Hannibal. To match this remarkable jumble of names one has got to go back to Moses, Gen. Grant and Pontius Pilate in the roll of Mark Twain's niece's kittens. No doubt Her Majesty has so many ships now that the more likely names are all used up; still it would appear that if she put her mind on the matter and used some system and employed efficient help, she might hit on more significant, contemporaneous and timely British names than those above. Our American fashion of naming ships after States and cities seems more sensible.

Congressman Mercer, of Nebraska, has filed a protest with the War Department against turning over the Fort Omaha military reservation to the Department of the Interior at this time. Mr. Mercer last year secured the passage of a bill to have the Government loan the land to the State of Nebraska for military college purpose, but it was vetoed by the President. The veto was referred to the Military Committee of the House, and is still unacted on. It is argued that the Department should not dispose of the property until Congress has finally acted upon the veto of the President.

A dispatch from Sebastopol says that the Russian Black Sea fleet has been put on a war footing, and that three battalions of infantry have been embarked. Part of the fleet is cruising off Otchakoff, at the mouth of the Dnieper River, forty miles from Odessa, under orders that if its commander receives a telegram from M. Nelidoff, the Russian Ambassador to Turkey, it must join the remainder of the fleet leaving Sebastopol and go direct to the Bosphorus. The dispatch adds that all the troops in South Russia are ready for active service.

The work of replacing the locomotive boilers of several of the smaller vessels of the British navy with boilers of the water tube system is now being taken in hand.

A FAMOUS COURT MARTIAL CASE.

There are officers still living who will recall the trial and conviction of John C. Fremont, for one of the most serious offenses.

The court martial assembled at the Washington Arsenal, in the District of Columbia, at 12 o'clock, Nov. 2, 1847. The sentence of the court was made up, and the body dissolved, on the 31st of January, 1848. There were three charges. The first was "Mutiny." The second was "Disobedience to the Lawful Command of His Superior Officer." The third was "Conduct to the Prejudice of Good Order and Military Discipline." The court pronounced him guilty on every specification of each charge. The president of the court, Bvt. Brig. Gen. Brooke, Lieut. Col. Hunt, Lieut. Col. Taylor and Maj. Baker, filed the following paper, with the record:

"Under the circumstances in which Lieut. Col. Fremont was placed, between two officers of superior rank, each claiming to command-in-chief in California—circumstances in their nature calculated to embarrass the mind, and excite the doubts of officers of greater experience than the accused; and, in consideration of the important professional services rendered by him, previous to the occurrence of the acts for which he has been tried, the undersigned members of the court, respectfully commend Lieut. Col. Fremont to the lenient consideration of the President of the United States."

Lieut. Col. Long, Lieut. Col. Morgan, and Maj. Delafield, filed the following paper:

"Under all the circumstances of this case, and in consideration of the distinguished professional services of the accused, previous to the transactions for which he has now been tried, the undersigned beg leave to recommend him to the clemency of the President of the United States."

The action of the President, on this case, was as follows: "Upon an inspection of the record, I am not satisfied that the facts proved in the case constitute the military crime of 'Mutiny.' I am of opinion that the second and third charges are sustained by the proof, and that the conviction upon these charges warrants the sentence of the court. The sentence of the court is therefore approved; but, in consideration of the peculiar circumstances of the case, of the previous meritorious and valuable services of Lieut. Col. Fremont, and of the foregoing recommendations of a majority of the members of the court, the penalty of dismissal from the service is remitted."

"Lieut. Col. Fremont will accordingly be released from arrest, will resume his sword, and report for duty."

"JAMES K. POLK."

Upon receiving notice of the result of the trial, Col. Fremont addressed the following letter to the Adjutant General:

"Washington City, C street, Feb. 19, 1848.
"Sir: I have this moment received the General Order, No. 7 (dated the 17th inst.), making known to me the final decision in the proceedings of the general court martial, before which I have been tried; and hereby send in my resignation of Lieutenant Colonel in the Army of the United States. In doing this, I take the occasion to say that my reason for resigning is that I do not feel conscious of having done anything to merit the finding of the court; and, this being the case, I cannot, by accepting the clemency of the President, admit the justice of the decision against me."

"Very respectfully your obedient servant,
"J. C. FREMONT."

MAYBE THE SWIFTEST VESSEL.

(From the "Revue Industrielle.")

Probably the swiftest vessel in the world has recently been built in France. This extraordinary craft is the seagoing torpedo vessel constructed in Havre by the well-known house of Augustin Normand, the contract requiring that it should maintain a speed of from twenty-nine to thirty knots for an hour under usual steam. At its trial trip, it seems, this vessel, the Forban, ran a distance of more than thirty-one knots in an hour, this being equivalent to about thirty-five miles, probably the greatest distance ever covered by a seagoing ship in sixty minutes, powerful engines being necessary, of course, to drive the vessel through the water at such a rapid rate. On this score, therefore, the statement is not surprising that, although the displacement of the craft is only about 150 tons, it carries engines of 3,250 horse-power.

THE JOHNSON CAPPED PROJECTILE.

The New York Sun says: "The Russians a long time ago placed an order with Carnegie & Co. for what is known as the re-forged plate. That is a Harveyized plate re-rolled. At the test before the last one at Indian Head a 10-inch re-rolled plate was the target, and a French projectile, which is the standard projectile of the European navies, was used. The projectile was a regulation 8-inch steel shot, weighing 250 pounds. It penetrated the plate to a depth of eight inches before it went to smash. The velocity was about 1,800 foot-seconds."

"The last test was on Thursday of last week, and a new projectile, made by Isaac G. Johnson & Co., of Spuyten Duyvil, was used. It was a 6-inch cap projectile, weighing 100 pounds, and smokeless powder was used. The initial velocity was 2,540 foot-seconds, and the striking velocity 2,500 foot-seconds. The projectile went clear through the 10-inch re-rolled plate, through 12 inches of oak, 3 sheets of steel seven-sixteenths of an inch thick and 8 feet into the dirt. It was dug out of the dirt almost as good as new, except for the cap. In the plate itself there were two little cracks, besides the hole that the projectile tore through. The cracks were very small and insignificant, showing the plate to be an excellent one. The projectile, unlike the ordinary projectile used now, was of solid steel, with a soft steel cap. The ordinary projectile is hollow, because heretofore there has been no known process of making it solid and hardening the steel. Johnson & Co. have such a process. The idea of the soft steel cap on the end of the projectile is to protect the point and steady it until it enters the target. The cap weighs about five pounds, and when it strikes the plate it separates before the projectile, holding the point of the projectile itself as steady as a rock. At first glance it would seem as if the cap would make the range shorter. In the few tests there have been it was found that the range of the capped projectile was greater instead of less."

The eight hours' natural-draught trials of the new British battleship Prince George were entirely satisfactory. The ship was drawing 24 feet 11 inches forward and 25 feet 2 inches aft, and had 150.7 pounds of steam in the boilers, the vacuum being 25.7 inches starboard and 25.5 inches port. With a mean of ninety-seven revolutions a minute the engines developed 10,464 horse-power, or 464 above the contract, the air pressure in the stokeholds being 0.44 inch. The speed was 16.52 knots.

THE STATE TROOPS.

ANNUAL RIFLE CONTESTS AT CREEDMOOR.

The annual rifle competitions at Creedmoor, N. Y., for the National Guard held on Sept. 17, 18, 19, were this year productive of unusually keen competition and high scores, in which the records were broken in each team contest. The most important competition on the list, the State Match, representing the team championship of the State, open to teams of twelve men from the different organizations in the National Guard, in which 8 teams competed, was won by the 12th Regt., who made the best on record in the contest which has extended over a period of 23 years. The score of the 12th Regt. was 1,023 points out of a possible 1,200. This was 56 points in excess of their score made in the same contest last year, and 32 in excess of the score of the 23d Regt., who won the match in 1895. The 12th Regt. team was the only one that made the remarkable record in two-team contests, of firing 1,152 shots without making a single miss, and these at distances of 200, 300, 500 and 600 yards. The 12th not only won the team championship of the State, but one of its representatives (Ordnance Sergeant John Corrie) won the Governor's Match, which represents the individual championship of the State, at skrimishing, from a field of 39 contestants representing the best shots in the State at distances from 600 to 200 yards, and the second man in this contest, Sergt. Lamb, was also a representative of the 12th Regt.

The contest limited to the organizations of the 1st Brigade, was splendidly won by the 7th Regt., who, if they do not win the State championship, had the honor of making the best aggregate score yet made in any of the team contests shot for in the history of the National Guard of New York, by making 1,035 points out of a possible 1,200, just 12 points more than the 12th Regt. made in the State Match. The score of the 7th Regt. in the latter was 60 points ahead of its record in the same contest last year, so that the hot pace set by the two organizations above mentioned can readily be seen. The 7th Regt. scored two misses during the State and Brigade contests, there being one in each match at 600 yards. So far as the fewest misses go they stand next to the 12th in order of merit. But only two misses out of 1,152 shots is a remarkable showing. The 23d Regt., in winning the 2d Brigade Match made the best score on record in this contest, 958 points, being 29 ahead of the previous best on record, made by them in 1894. The two highest individual scores made during the State and Brigade contests, were made by Ord. Sergt. John Corrie, of the 12th Regt., and Corp. H. E. Crall, of the 7th Regt., each making an aggregate of 91 points out of a possible 100. Full scores were made at 600 yards by Ord. Sergt. John Corrie, 12th Regt., and Lieut. C. L. Gerould, of the 47th Regt., and at 500 yards by Lieut. Col. W. A. Downs, 71st Regt.; Pvt. W. A. Bavier, 7th Regt.; Lieut. S. S. Stebbins, 12th Regt.; Sergt. T. J. Dolan, 12th Regt.; Lieut. Col. E. De Forrest, and Capt. Napier, 23d Regt.

Comparing the scores of the teams made in the contests of 1895 and 1896, it will be found that in the State Match the 7th, 12th, 23d, 47th, 71st, 13th and 8th all made higher scores over the contests of 1895, while in the Brigade contests the 7th, 12th, 23d, 8th, 23d, 13th and 47th each show large gains this year over the contests of last.

Taking the gains and aggregate score made by the teams of each regiment, it will be found that the 47th Regt. made the greatest advance, increasing its score 144 points in the State Match and 127 in the Brigade Match. In the State Match the number of points each team made in excess of its score last year is as follows: 47th Regt., 144; 13th Regt., 117; 8th Regt., 102; 23d Regt., 79; 7th Regt., 60; 12th Regt., 56; 71st Regt., 6. In the Brigade contests the gains of each team over last year's score were: 47th Regt., 127 points; 23d Regt., 107; 13th Regt., 74; 8th Regt., 69; 7th Regt., 58; 12th Regt., 27; 23d Regt., 49.

The Adjutant General's trophy, open to teams of three men each, was won by the representatives of the 13th Separate Co. of Jamestown, on a score of 155 out of a possible 210 points, the best score thus far made in the contest. The following is the result of the several matches, the scores of the winners being given in detail and the others in the aggregate:

STATE MATCH.

The following are the scores in the State match, open to teams of 12 men each, firing 5 shots per man at 200, 300, 500, and 600 yards, and won by the 12th Regt., with the highest score ever made in the match:

12TH REGT. TEAM.

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Sergt. Corrie	5 4 5 5 3	22	4 4 4 4 4	20	89
Sergt. Lamb	4 5 4 4 4	21	4 4 5 4 5	22	90
Sergt. Donovan	5 4 4 4 4	21	5 4 5 4 5	23	89
Pvt. Egan	5 5 5 5 4	24	4 4 4 4 5	21	87
Lieut. Stebbins	5 5 4 4 3	21	4 4 5 5 5	24	84
Pvt. Van Heusen	4 5 3 5 3	20	3 4 4 5 3	19	80
Sergt. Smith	4 4 4 4 5	22	5 3 3 4 4	19	84
Sergt. Dolan	4 4 4 4 5	21	4 4 4 5 4	21	80
Lieut. Downs	4 5 5 5 4	23	5 4 4 4 5	22	83
Sergt. Boyle	4 3 4 5 4	20	4 3 5 4 4	22	82
Lieut. Clark	4 4 4 4 4	20	3 4 4 5 4	20	83
Capt. Schieffelin	4 4 3 5 4	20	4 4 4 4 3	19	82
	245	252	240	235	1,023

	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Sergt. Corrie	5 4 5 5 3	22	89
Sergt. Lamb	4 5 5 5 5	24	90
Sergt. Donovan	4 4 5 5 5	23	89
Pvt. Egan	4 4 4 5 5	21	87
Lieut. Stebbins	4 3 4 4 4	19	84
Pvt. Van Heusen	5 5 4 5 4	23	80
Sergt. Smith	4 4 4 4 5	21	84
Sergt. Dolan	5 4 4 5 4	22	80
Lieut. Downs	5 4 5 4 4	22	83
Sergt. Boyle	4 4 5 4 5	22	82
Lieut. Clark	5 5 3 3 5	21	83
Capt. Schieffelin	5 4 4 4 5	22	82
	265	252	1,023

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Sergt. W. F. Smith	21	19	22	20	82
Sergt. E. O. Robinson	23	19	20	21	83
Corp. H. E. Crall	23	23	23	22	91
Pvt. A. Balthasar	21	21	22	13	77
Capt. H. W. Janssen	23	21	24	18	86
Sergt. T. J. Conroy	21	19	22	20	82
Pvt. J. W. Halstead	22	21	22	24	89
Pvt. W. N. Barren	21	22	22	22	87
Corp. A. Stevens	21	22	24	20	87
Pvt. R. Darling	21	21	22	18	82
Lieut. W. J. Underwood	20	21	21	22	84
Corp. R. M. Kallach	22	22	23	22	89
	239	251	267	242	1,019

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Capt. C. A. Napier	20	20	20	20	80
Pvt. H. A. Lugrin	18	21	23	20	82
Lieut. Hamilton	22	14	22	16	74
Sergt. E. Howard	20	20	24	22	86
Capt. F. A. Wells	21	19	23	22	85
Pvt. R. Findlay	16	20	22	22	80
Lieut. R. Hoag	17	17	24	20	78
Corp. W. B. Willard	19	20	22	21	82
Lieut. F. C. Dennington	14	19	20	23	76
Capt. E. De Forrest	20	22	24	24	90
Capt. G. F. Hamlin	21	19	24	23	87
	229	232	269	256	986

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Maj. N. B. Thurston	20	21	12	18	71
Adj. H. H. Treadwell	21	21	19	21	82
Capt. C. J. Murphy	19	18	21	22	80
Corp. H. H. Vreeland	20	23	19	20	82
Sergt. H. K. Zust	22	18	21	14	75
Capt. M. E. Burton	19	22	24	22	87
Capt. G. A. Tuttle	19	22	23	22	86
Lieut. S. M. Phillips	19	19	21	20	79
Lieut. C. H. Stoddard	21	18	18	18	75
Pvt. C. B. Sterling	21	18	21	19	79
Capt. F. Isherwood	19	18	21	22	80
Sergt. E. W. Goff	12	22	22	20	76
	232	240	242	238	952

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Sergt. S. D. Layman	17	20	18	23	78
Sergt. Maj. F. H. Hobbs	23	20	24	20	87
Corp. Nelson	20	19	18	21	78
Sergt. W. R. Collins	20	17	18	19	74
A. I. R. P. C. L. Gerould	18	20	23	18	79
Maj. H. H. Quick	21	19	21	18	79
Corp. J. N. Moncreff	22	21	23	23	89
Pvt. G. W. Leat	21	20	21	20	82
Sergt. H. J. Cochran	21	20	21	17	79
I. R. P. J. F. Henry	20	14	20	21	75
Pvt. C. A. Baldwin	18	16	21	15	70
Q. M. St. J. B. Christoffel	19	19	21	15	74
	242	225	249	233	949

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Capt. E. F. Austin	20	21	25	20	86
Lieut. Col. W. A. Downs	23	21	25	20	89
Maj. E. T. T. Marsh	21	22	21	20	84
Lieut. F. H. Lomax	21	18	18	12	69
Lieut. W. Rockwell	21	21	20	19	81
Pvt. G. Doyle	21	22	18	21	82
Pvt. Daube	16	21	24	19	80
Capt. F. Keck	18	14	23	15	70
Pvt. J. H. Schmidt	21	20	22	21	84
Capt. J. H. Wells	20	22	23	19	84
Pvt. Frank Stuart	20	22	20	15	77
Capt. Timpson	19	15	24	14	72
	231	237	262	213	943

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Lieut. Col. Luscomb	20	21	21	18	80
Sergt. Harvey	21	17	20	20	78
Constable	21	19	19	13	72
Pierce	17	20	20	13	70
McNevin	17	20	22	18	78
Donaghy	20	22	20	18	80
Q. M. V. Warner	21	20	23	18	82
Capt. H. P. De Forest	23	21	23	22	89
Lieut. T. G. Austin	21	19	20	17	77
Lieut. J. Ashley	21	19	14	11	65
Pvt. A. P. Devine	19	19	18	20	76
Lieut. S. Fahnestock	18	19	19	20	76
	240	235	240	211	926

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Sergt. N. M. Stern	20	20	16	21	77
Capt. P. A. Wallis	14	20	20	18	72
Capt. R. Edwards, Jr.	18	14	17	13	62
Corp. E. Miller	19	20	18	3	60
Sergt. G. Hiecke	17	14	21	12	64
Pvt. Cleveland	20	18	15	12	65
Capt. H. Melville	20	19	13	18	70
Capt. C. P. Staubach	15	19	17	15	65
Capt. I. Freeman	15	20	12	21	68
Lieut. W. J. Smith	19	20	19	17	75
Sergt. W. E. Laragh	17	18	17	14	68
Sergt. E. E. Acker	20	19	12	11	62
	214	220	197	175	806

FIRST BRIGADE MATCH.

The conditions of the 1st and 2d Brigade matches are exactly the same as in the State Match, except that the prizes are of considerable less value. The 1st Brigade Match, the scores of which follow, was won by the 7th Regt., who made the highest score yet made in any of the team matches open to the N. G. N. Y. The scores of the organizations are given in order of merit:

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Pvt. J. W. Halstead	5 4 5 5 5	24	4 4 4 4 4	20	91
Pvt. W. N. Bavier	5 4 4 4 4	21	4 4 4 4 4	21	86
Corp. A. Stevens	4 4 4 4 4	21	5 4 5 4 4	22	89
Lieut. R. Darling	4 4 4 4 4	21	5 5 5 4 4	23	91
Corp. R. M. Kallach	4 3 3 4 4	19	3 4 4 5 4	20	80
Sergt. T. M. Moe	4 3 3 4 4	19	5 4 4 4 4	21	88
Sergt. E. C. Robinson	3 5 5 4 4	21	4 4 4 4 4	21	85
Corp. H. E. Crall	4 4 4 4 4	22	5 5 5 3 4	22	86
Pvt. A. Balthasar	4 4 4 4 5	22	4 4 5 4 5	22	89
Capt. H. W. Janssen	5 5 4 4 5	23	4 4 4 4 4	20	86
Sergt. T. J. Conroy	4 4 4 4 5	22	4 4 4 4 4	20	83
	268	256	253	253	1,034

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Pvt. J. W. Halstead	5 5 4 5 5	24	4 5 5 4 4	23	91
Pvt. W. N. Bavier	5 5 5 5 5	25	4 3 4 4 4	19	86
Corp. A. Stevens	5 4 5 4 5	23	5 5 5 4 4	23	89
Pvt. R. Darling	4 4 4 4 5	21	5 5 5 4 4	19	84
Lt. W. J. Underwood	4 3 4 4 4	19	4 5 5 5 3	22	80
Corp. R. M. Kallach	4 4 5 4 4	22	5 4 5 5 5	24	89
Sergt. T. M. Moe	5 5 5 4 5	24	4 5 4 5 3	21	85
Sergt. E. C. Robinson	4 4 4 4 5	21	5 4 5 4 4	23	86
Corp. H. E. Crall	5 4 4 4 5	22	3 5 4 5 5	22	89
Pvt. A. Balthasar	5 4 4 4 4	22	4 4 4 3 5	20	86
Capt. H. W. Janssen	4 5 4 4 4	22	4 4 5 4 4	21	86
Sergt. T. J. Conroy	4 4 4 5 5	22	3 4 3 5 4	19	83
	268	256	253	253	1,034

	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Aggr.
Lieut. Stebbins	21	21	25	21	88
Sergt. Corrie	22	21	23	21	87
Sergt. Smith	20	22	24	21	88
Sergt. Lamb	21	23	23	21	88
Capt. Schieffelin	22	21	22	20	85
Pvt. Egan	20	22	23	21	86
Pvt. Van Heusen	20	20	25	21	83
Sergt. Dolan	20	21	25	23	89
Sergt. Mahoney	19	20	23	17	79
Sergt. Donovan	19	21	23	23	86
Maj. Lambert	21	21	19	21	82
Lieut. Clark	19	22	21	21	83
	244	255	273	251	1,023

22D REGT.					
	200	300	500	600	Aggre-
	yds.	yds.	yds.	yds.	gate.
apt. Thurston	21	20	18	20	79
djt. Treadwell	21	19	21	18	79
apt. Murphy	19	18	23	19	79
corp. Vreeland	19	21	21	21	82
ergt. Zust	19	20	19	21	79
apt. Burnton	22	20	21	24	87
apt. Tuttle	22	22	22	20	86
leut. Phillips	19	20	24	20	83
leut. Stoddard	19	19	21	18	77
vt. Sterling	21	20	23	19	83
apt. Isherwood	20	21	22	22	85
ergt. Goff	19	21	22	23	85
	241	241	257	245	984

Corp. E. Miller.....	19	18	17	6	60
Pvt. W. A. Cleverger....	16	15	17	20	68
Capt. A. Melville.....	20	19	17	11	67
Capt. C. P. Staubach....	14	20	7	18	50
Capt. J. Freeman.....	17	17	17	18	68
Lieut. W. J. Smith.....	19	20	18	17	75
Sergt. W. E. Larnagh....	15	18	21	20	74
Sergt. E. E. Acker.....	21	9	10	10	50
	200	206	188	178	781

SECOND BRIGADE MATCH.

The 2d Brigade match was won by the 23d Regt. team, who also made the highest score ever made in this contest. The scores of each organization competing were as follows:

23D REGT.				
	200 yds. T'l.	300 yds. T'l.		
Capt. Napier.....	4 4 3 4 3-18	4 5 5 5 4-23		
Pvt. A. G. Flindley.....	3 4 4 4 4-19	4 4 4 4 4-20		
Sergt. Howard.....	4 4 5 4 4-21	5 4 4 4 5-22		
Pvt. Boucher.....	4 4 3 4 3-18	4 5 5 4 4-22		
Sergt. Musson.....	3 4 4 5 5-21	4 4 4 4 4-20		
Sergt. R. Flindley.....	4 4 4 4 4-16	4 5 0 4 3-16		
Corp. Stopford.....	4 4 4 5-21	3 4 4 3 3-17		
Capt. Wells.....	4 4 3 4 5-19	4 4 4 4 4-20		
Pvt. Lugin, Jr.....	4 4 4 4 4-20	4 4 4 4 5-21		
Lieut. Col. De Forest.....	4 5 4 4 4-21	4 3 5 5 4-21		
Capt. Hamlin.....	4 4 4 4 4-21	4 4 4 5 4-21		
	236	242		

500 yds. T'l.				
	500 yds. T'l.	600 yds. T'l.	Agg.	
Capt. Napier.....	5 5 5 5 5-25	5 3 3 5 5-21	97	
Pvt. A. G. Flindley.....	3 4 4 5 5-21	3 5 4 5 5-22	82	
Sergt. Howard.....	4 5 0 4 4-17	3 5 4 4 3-19	79	
Pvt. Boucher.....	4 4 5 4 3-20	2 4 3 3 4-16	76	
Sergt. Musson.....	3 5 4 5 5-22	3 5 5 4 3-20	83	
Sergt. R. Flindley.....	4 5 5 4 4-22	4 4 4 5 5-22	76	
Sergt. Ball.....	4 4 4 4 5-21	5 4 4 4 4-21	80	
Corp. Stopford.....	5 5 3 4 5-22	4 5 4 5 5-23	84	
Capt. Wells.....	4 4 5 5 5-23	5 5 5 5 4-24	88	
Pvt. Lugin, Jr.....	5 5 5 5 4-24	4 4 4 3 3-19	85	
Lieut. Col. De Forest.....	5 5 5 5 5-25	4 5 4 2 5-20	86	
Capt. Hamlin.....	3 3 3 4 5-18	3 5 4 5 5-22	81	
	260	240	987	

13TH REGT.				
	200 yds. yards.	300 yds. yards.	500 yds. yards.	600 yds. yards.
Lt. Col. C. H. Luscomb..	19	21	23	16
Ord. Sgt. T. M. Harvey..	17	18	21	19
Pvt. G. E. Constable....	21	20	20	11
Sergt. F. Pierce.....	18	17	18	14
Pvt. James McNevin.....	20	18	17	17
Sergt. William Donaghy..	20	21	18	17
Q. M. Sgt. Val Werner..	19	20	22	19
Capt. H. P. De Forest....	20	22	24	19
Lieut. T. G. Austin.....	20	20	17	18
Lieut. J. T. Ashley.....	20	19	21	16
Pvt. F. P. Devigne.....	20	19	22	20
Lieut. S. F. Fahnestock..	21	20	22	22
	235	235	245	208

4TH REGT.				
	200 yds. yards.	300 yds. yards.	500 yds. yards.	600 yds. yards.
Corp. J. W. Monerleff....	19	19	24	16
Pvt. G. W. Lent.....	20	17	21	22
Sergt. S. W. Clemett....	19	19	19	22
Capt. J. F. Henry.....	20	19	22	14
Pvt. C. A. Baldwin.....	19	19	19	20
J. B. Christoffel, Jr....	19	20	22	20
Sergt. B. D. Layman.....	19	21	22	19
Sgt. Maj. T. H. Hobbs....	21	20	23	20
Ord. Sgt. W. L. Coultas..	9	19	20	13
Corp. V. A. F. Neilsen....	20	20	19	15
Lieut. C. L. Gerould.....	17	11	14	25
Maj. H. H. Quick.....	20	17	21	19
	222	221	246	235

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S MATCH.

This contest was won by the 13th Sep. Co., of Jamestown. The match was open to teams of 3 men each, 7 shots per man, at 300 and 800 yards.

13TH SEP. CO., JAMESTOWN.				
	300 yds. T'l.	800 yds. T'l.	Agg.	
Corp. C. M. Nichols.....	4 4 4 4 4-28	4 3 3 0 0 3 4-17	45	
Sgt. Geo. F. Hale.....	4 4 4 4 4-28	3 4 4 3 4 5 4-27	55	
Dr. L. Hazeltine.....	4 4 4 4 4-28	4 3 3 3 5 4 5-27	55	
	84	71	155	

CO. G, 7TH REGT.

	300 yds. T'l.	800 yds. T'l.	Agg.	
Lieut. R. M. Dunn.....	27	24	51	
Sergt. J. M. Moe.....	28	19	47	
Corp. H. E. Crall.....	27	27	54	
	82	70	152	

STAFF, 12TH REGT.

	300 yds. T'l.	800 yds. T'l.	Agg.	
Ord. Sergt. John Corrie..	28	21	49	
Comy. Sergt. T. J. Dolan..	29	18	47	
Capt. Schuyler Schieffelin.	28	26	54	
	85	65	150	

B. 10th Battn.....	66	77	143
B. 23d.....	78	62	140
H. 22d.....	76	63	139
H. 22d.....	80	59	139
H. 71st.....	75	60	135
F. and S., 23d.....	73	57	130
F. 7th.....	73	57	130
G., 23d.....	76	46	122
F. S. and N. C. S., 22d..	76	45	121

I, 23d.....	73	57	110
G, 13th.....	57	45	102
F, 8th.....	67	31	98
D, 13th.....	64	34	98
F. S. and N. C. S., 8th..	74	23	97
A, 23d.....	71	21	92

GOVERNORS MATCH.

In the Governor's Match, which is conducted on the principles of a skirmish run, shooting at 600, 500, 300 and 200 yards in the order named, at command of bugle, there were 39 contestants, the winner being Ord. Sergt. J. Corrie, of the 12th Regt., on a score of 89 out of a possible 100. The scores in detail follow:

	Regt.	Bulls.	Centers.	Inner.	Outer.	Misses.	Total score.
Sergt. J. Corrie.....	12	10	9	1	1	1	89
Sergt. W. S. Lamb.....	12	13	3	3	1	1	88
Capt. G. F. Hamlin.....	23	10	7	3	1	1	87
Pvt. H. A. Lugin.....	23	10	7	3	1	1	87
Sergt. G. F. Hale.....	Sep. 10	7	2	1	1	1	86
Pvt. J. Egan.....	12	7	9	3	1	1	82
Col. Ezra De Forest.....	23	9	4	6	1	1	81
Lieut. W. J. Underwood..	7	9	8	2	1	1	81
Corp. A. E. Hale.....	Sep. 5	11	4	1	1	1	81
Capt. E. A. Wells.....	23	6	11	2	1	1	80
Capt. C. D. Napier.....	23	5	10	4	1	1	79
Sergt. E. W. Goff.....	22	9	7	2	1	1	78
Maj. E. E. T. Marsh.....	71	5	9	5	1	1	78
Lieut. S. S. Stebbins.....	12	7	8	3	1	1	78
Lieut. S. M. Phillips.....	22	8	7	3	1	1	77
Capt. H. W. Jansen.....	7	4	11	3	2	1	77
Sergt. T. J. Dolan.....	12	7	9	2	1	1	77
Pvt. J. W. Schmidt.....	71	8	4	7	1	1	77
Pvt. L. Hazeltine.....	Sep. 3	12	3	2	2	1	76
Lieut. C. M. Underwood..	10 Bat.	5	8	4	3	1	75
Corp. C. M. Nichols.....	Sep. 5	9	4	4	2	1	75
Pvt. J. J. McNevin.....	13	7	6	4	2	1	75
Lieut. R. Hoag.....	23	3	8	9	1	1	74
Sergt. G. Donovan.....	12	7	6	4	1	1	73
Pvt. R. Byars.....	12	5	7	6	1	1	73
Pvt. F. Stuart.....	9	8	5	4	1	1	72
Pvt. A. B. Van Heusen....	12	4	8	5	2	1	71
Corp. R. S. Cooke, Jr....	23	5	4	9	1	1	70
Sergt. O. M. Smith.....	12	6	7	3	1	1	69
Pvt. G. Doyle.....	7	3	10	4	1	1	67
Corp. J. W. Fursman.....	10 Bat.	5	6	5	1	1	66
Corp. A. Stevens.....	7	2	10	4	1	1	64
Pvt. C. A. Baldwin.....	47	4	5	3	2	1	63
Sergt. C. E. Bryant.....	23	1	9	3	1	1	62
Capt. F. Isherwood.....	22	1	4	5	2	1	60
Capt. C. G. Schoenck.....	4	6	1	1	1	1	38
Sergt. H. K. Zust.....	22	3	3	9	1	1	21
Pvt. K. O. Schoonmaker..	7	1	1	3	1	1	14

RIFLE SHOOTING RECORDS TO DATE.

The following shows the winner with aggregate score in the State and Brigade Rifle Matches at Creedmoor since they began at the opening of the range in 1873, to date. From 1873 until 1885 the present 1st and 2d Brigade contests were known as the 1st and 2d division matches. The three contests were shot at 200 and 500 yards until 1892, when the 300 and 600 yard ranges were added. From 1873 until 1875, bull's-eyes counted 4, centers 3, and outer 2, the division of the target being square. From 1876, the targets were changed so that the divisions were circular and the shots counted as follows: Bull's-eyes 5, centers 4, inner 3, outer 2. From 1873 until 1875, the highest possible score in the State and division matches was 480 points, and from 1876 to 1885, it was 600 points. From 1892, the highest possible score is 1,200 points:

Year.	State Match.	1st Brig. Match.	2nd Brig. Match.
1873	22nd Regt. 280	22nd Regt. 263	23rd Regt. 181
1874	22nd Regt. 285	12th Regt. 283	23rd Regt. 207
1875	7th Regt. 451	7th Regt. 447	23rd Regt. 414
1876	49th Regt. 390	71st Regt. 423	23rd Regt. 378
1877	14th Regt. 420	71st Regt. 428	23rd Regt. 405
1878	7th Regt. 438	7th Regt. 441	23rd Regt. 432
1879	24th Sep. Co. 450	7th Regt. 447	23rd Regt. 404
1880	35th Battn. 476	7th Regt. 479	23rd Regt. 472
1881	29th Sep. Co. 486	7th Regt. 494	14th Regt. 413
1882	20th Sep. Co. 516	7th Regt. 487	14th Regt. 461
1883	23rd Regt. 497	7th Regt. 473	23rd Regt. 477
1884	23rd Regt. 501	7th Regt. 490	23rd Regt. 496
1885	23rd Regt. 487	12th Regt. 448	23rd Regt. 478
1886	7th Regt. 495	12th Regt. 482	23rd Regt. 497
1887	23rd Regt. 524	7th Regt. 554	23rd Regt. 513
1888	23 d Regt. 521	12th Regt. 485	23rd Regt. 509
1889	7th Regt. 501	7th Regt. 464	23rd Regt. 471
1890	23rd Regt. 487	7th Regt. 507	23rd Regt. 496
1891	22nd Regt. 520	7th Regt. 501	23rd Regt. 501
1892	7th Regt. 984	7th Regt. 957	23rd Regt. 952
1893	7th Regt. 992	7th Regt. 963	23rd Regt. 915
1894	12th Regt. 907	7th Regt. 900	23rd Regt. 958
1895	23rd Regt. 991	12th Regt. 906	23rd Regt. 958
1896	12th Regt. 1023	7th Regt. 1035	23rd Regt. 987

CONNECTICUT.

The annual rifle tournament of the 1st Regt. was held at Hartford Saturday, September 19. The principal match was for the Barbour Medal, a trophy for company teams, which was presented by Gen. S. A. Barbour about 1879. It is held by the company winning it until won by some other company. Last year Co. F held it and yielded it in this match to the Field and Staff. Teams were of eight men; range, 200 and 500 yards; seven shots at each distance. Winning team made a score of 353; Co. F second with 333, Co. K third with 329. Co. F received two-thirds of the entrance fees and Co. K one-third. A diamond pin for officer making best score in match was won by Lieut. Ripley, Co. F. There

was a short range match and pool shooting. About ninety prizes were contributed by friends of the regiment. G.

NATIONAL GUARD ITEMS.

Officers of the New York National Guard have already in mind the importance of securing an officer with the necessary qualifications to assume the responsible position of Adjutant General of the State on January 1 next, when there will be a change of administration. In this connection, the officer who is practically unanimously favored for the position, is the present Inspector General, Frederick C. McLewee, and petitions favoring his appointment are now being actively indorsed. He is certainly one of the best officers for the position that could be found. He understands the National Guard thoroughly, from top to bottom, and is a conscientious and energetic officer, who has been in the service of the National Guard some twenty-five years.

Co. G, 12th Regt., New York, and the West Side Athletic Club have concluded arrangements to hold a joint athletic meeting in the armory on Nov. 17 next, and an elaborate programme of sports will be given. The events will be open to all amateurs. Co. B will be entertained by Capt. Smylie on the evening of Friday, Oct. 2. Four members of the company, Messrs Van Heusen, Byars, Smith and Hassler qualified at Creedmoor as experts on September 19.

Col. Bartlett, of the 22 Regt., New York, announces that the drill season in that command will commence on Monday, Oct. 5. The regiment is divided into two battalions, commanded, respectively, by Maj. Demerest and Maj. Thurston. Companies B, C, F, G, and H will constitute the 1st Battalion and Companies A, D, E, I and K will constitute the 2d Battalion. Company G will hold a dance on election day.

To quell the labor riots in Leadville on Sept. 21, the State troops of Denver were ordered under arms by Adj. Gen. Moses.

Col. Greene, 71st New York, announces that the drill season in the regiment will begin on Monday, Oct. 5, company drill nights being assigned as follows: Mondays, Companies G and I; Tuesdays, B and H; Wednesdays F and K; Thursdays D; Fridays, A and C. Battalion commanders are especially charged with the supervision of the drills of the companies in their respective battalions. Practice for the Army decoration among the several companies commences Nov. 2 and ends Nov. 26 next. The match for the Zabriskie trophy will be shot for after March 1, 1897.

Co. D, 13th New York, will celebrate the opening of the drill season by a stag at the armory on the evening of Thursday, Oct. 8. The Regimental Athletic Association will hold athletic games in the armory in November next, and are now considering the details. Some of the events are to be open to all amateurs.

Col. John B. Frothingham, Asst. Adj. Gen. of the 2d N. Y. Brig., has charge of a movement looking towards the erection of a suitable monument in memory of the late Maj. Gen. John B. Woodward.

With the appointment of Capt. Timpson, of the 71st N. Y., as Commissary of the 9th, and Pvt. Frank Stuart, also of the 71st, as Commissary Sergeant, Col. Seward will thus gain for his command two very exceptional riflemen, and should insure the formation of a strong team for Creedmoor next year.

The 2d Battery, N. Y., Capt. Wilson, who some time ago, through the commendable enterprise of Lieut. Flanagan, managed to obtain a number of horses which were purchased for the use of the battery, will again have to depend on hired horses when it is ordered to parade outdoors. The reason of this is, that the battery armory not having been built with any stable accommodations, and the quartering of the horses in the drill hall being considered by the authorities improper, the horses were ordered to be gotten rid of, which has been done. Under the circumstances the stabling of the horses was undoubtedly troublesome to the organization quartered over the battery, in the same building, and the decision of Gen. Fitzgerald that the horses must not be kept in the armory was determined by this fact.

NAVAL MILITIA.

In the Massachusetts Naval Militia work on the rifle ranges, at Lovell's Island, is progressing slowly, where an attempt is being made to render the butts less dangerous. That few targets are available has prevented a number of men from practicing who have journeyed to the island for that purpose. Lieut. (J. G.) Benj. E. Bates, of the 3d Div., has resigned and been discharged.

MEMORIAL TO GEN. PORTER.

The movement toward erecting a monument to the memory of the late Maj. Gen. Josiah Porter, Adj. Gen. of New York, is meeting with great success, and prompt responses have been received already to the circular sent out by Capt. David Wilson, 2d Battery, secretary of the committee in charge of the project. The following are the subscriptions received to date: Maj. Gen. Thos. H. McGrath, ex-Adj. Gen., \$100; 30th Sep.

BOER AND BRITON.

From Sergt. James Corrie, Cape Mounted Police, Douglas Herbert, South Africa, we receive this poetic expression of British sentiment toward the Boers. It will help to explain the Jameson raid. Sergt. Corrie has been for nineteen years in the English service and holds the position of Farrier Sergeant of the mounted police force for the districts of Herbert and Douglas, north of Kimberly, South Africa. He is a brother of Ord. Sergt. J. Corrie, the well-known rifle shot of the 12th New York, and formerly a distinguished marksman in the United States Army:

Ye fools who write of union,
Of British blood and Boer,
Of life in one communion
On Afric's sunny shore.
Go write upon some subject new,
Or better, write on none;
Your scribbling little good will do,
Can't make the races one.

The history of the country shows
Such union cannot be,
Blood in the veins of slaves that flows
Can't mingle with the free.
In slavery England found the Boer,
A slavery worse than death;
And now he is a slave once more,
His own Bond's yoke beneath.

No love has he for those at all
Who gave him freeman's right.
His ignorance like solid wall
'Gainst progress rears its height;
He cannot in one instance show
Harsh treatment, ill or wrong
By those who, when they found him low,
Raised him and made him strong.

Freedom, the word to Britons dear,
He cannot understand.
On truth he looks with dread and fear,
On falsehood takes his stand.
What has he ever done since when
He first felt England's care?
Rebellion, murdered Englishmen,
Has been his thanks to her.

Let him beneath his Bond-like thrall
Continue if he will.
Old England's sons are freemen all,
Shall we not be so still?
Is this a British country, say,
Are we true men or knaves?
Stand up for right and truth to-day,
And bow not down to slaves.

Are we to have no voice beyond
In country's rule or laws
Than what's vouchsafed us by the Bond,
A band of rebel Boers?
If Englishmen would only stand
Together, staunch and true,
We'd save this bright and fruitful land
From Bond and Brandzick, too.

Then talk not ye who do not know
Of what ye speak or write.
This union is as far, I trow,
As that of black with white.
And there are reasons grave and deep
Why union ne'er can be,
'Twould make the very angels weep
Such mingling e'er to see.

Our brother's blood is crying out,
Spilt by the rebel Boer.

Have we forgotten Bronkhorst-spruit?
Lives Elliot's name no more?
Are we to mate with murderers?
Can freeman mate with slave?
Pray God from such a ghastly fate
All England's sons to save.

A GREAT TORPEDO CONFLICT.

(From the London World.)

During the visit of the members of Parliament to Portsmouth, a naval officer told an amusing story of last year's naval maneuvers. While the warships were stationed in Lough Foyle there was an alarm of a torpedo attack at night. Instantly the guns opened fire and blazed away at the torpedo boat. The next morning the Admiral requested each Captain to send a report of the number of torpedo boats he had seen and the quantity of ammunition he had expended. The reports were interesting. Some officers had seen six torpedo boats, some four, others three and others two. Only one Captain declared that he had seen no torpedo boat and had fired no shot. The others, however, had used an enormous quantity of ammunition. It turned out that there had not been a torpedo boat within thirty miles of the lough, and the torpedo boats seen from the ships were in truth a single coal barge.

Dan Godfrey, the famous bandmaster of the Grenadier Guards, must retire soon, after forty years' service, on account of the age limit. His father entered the Coldstream Guards' band in 1813 and was made bandmaster soon after. His three sons were bandmasters, and at one time the three regiments of the Guards each had one of them at the head of its band. The Household Brigade therefore, has had a Godfrey as bandmaster for eighty-three years.

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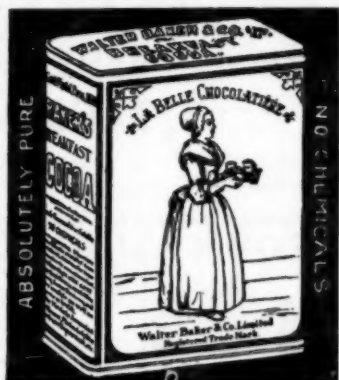
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